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Anthrasax, the Dark God of Destruction has been resurrected and kicked Dark Schneider's ass to kingdom come! Or rather Hell, in this topsy-turvy case… Trapped in an inescapable dimension, the humans must continue battling the endless numbers of Angels without him. The ugly truth of the battle that happened 400 years ago is uncovered, revealing the Angels' true plan was to wipe out humanity! Everything they thought was the truth is now a lie—who knew God was really the bad guy?!

Humanity's final and only hope is if D.S. can break hold of his imprisonment and return to help them. But, with Archangel Michael on the Angels' side, the outcome looks bleak! Yoko, Lars and the others battle on, but will humanity triumph? Or will it become extinct…

Michael
Class: Taxiarch Archangel • Race: Angel
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Lawful Evil
The top Angel (Seraph) that led the call to arms when Lucifer rebelled against the heavens.

Abigail
Class: Cleric (Black Magic) • Race: Human
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Neutral Evil
Once the high priest of Anthrasax and one of the Four Divine Kings, he was destroyed by Dark Schneider in a fearsome battle. But it turns out his soul was merely corrupted by the God of Destruction, and he's made a surprise return! Now he's a good guy again! He loves to hit D.S. with very heavy magical items.

Prince Lars
Class: Fighter • Race: Human
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Lawful Good
He took on Dark Schneider 15 years ago and disappeared in the tremendous battle. In fact he was reborn and lived as a baby dragon until he recently returned to his original form.

THE CAST

Tia Noto Yoko
Class: Cleric (White Magic) • Race: Human
Age: 17 • Alignment: Lawful Good
She witnessed the miraculous birth of Lucifer, one of the most powerful Angels.

Dark Schneider
Class: Wizard • Race: Human
Age: About 400 • Alignment: Chaotic Evil (with neutral tendencies)
He's **still** D-E-A-D! Yeah, nothing's changed… Still trapped in Hell.

TO BE LOVED IS HEAVEN.
AS LONG AS I AM LOVED, I AM STRONG AND REMAIN BALANCED.
ALL THE SAD, HARSH, TERRIFYING THINGS OF THE PAST MELT AWAY.
IT CALMS ME.
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LOVE MAKES ME BOTH STRONGER AND WEAKER.
ONCE LOVED, I CANNOT GO BACK TO A TIME WHEN I WAS WITHOUT IT.
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, I CONTINUE TO HARBOR THE FEAR THAT I MIGHT LOSE THAT LOVE.

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I AM AFRAID TO LOVE.

RIGHT NOW, I AM IN LOVE.

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BUT I AM AFRAID OF ACKNOWLEDGING THIS FACT.

BECAUSE IF I DO, I FEEL I MIGHT BECOME SOMEONE DIFFERENT.

I WON'T BE THE SAME PERSON I AM NOW.

I DETEST THE WORD "LOVE."

THE SUFFERING WE FEEL... THAT SURELY IS GOD'S PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMMITTED THE CRIME OF LOVE.

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LOVE IS AN ENDLESS LUST, AND I KNOW WELL THAT THIS LUST WILL INVARIABLY LEAD TO HATRED. THE DESIRE TO BE EVER MORE LOVED IS LIKENED TO MADNESS.

UPON REALIZATION THAT SOMETHING CANNOT BE ATTAINED EVEN THROUGH UNRELENTING PURSUIT, A PERSON FALLS INTO DESPAIR— COMING TO ABHOR THAT VERY THING AND WILL MOST LIKELY ATTEMPT TO DESTROY IT.

TO LOVE SOMETHING FEELS HELLISHLY PAINFUL AT TIMES.

...THE OTHER LUCIEN, THAT APPEARED LIKE A TEMPEST BEFORE ME...THAT DAY, THREE YEARS AGO.
DARK SCHNEIDER
暗黒の破神
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RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.
NO MATTER HOW FAR AWAY YOU ARE, I FEEL YOU NEAR ME...
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萩原一至

THERE IS A CRITICAL FAILURE IN THE GRAVITY CONTROL SYSTEM. CONTINUED AIRBORNE CAPABILITY COMPROMISED. CONTINUED AIRBORNE CAPABILITY COMPROMISED.
EMER-GENCY WARNING! EMER-GENCY WARNING!
THE CAPITAL KING CRIMSON GLORY CONTINUES ITS RAPID DESCENT.

The Tale of Crime and Punishment
Thunderous Shriek

STABILIZATION IMPOSSIBLE. THE SITUATION HAS BEEN DEEMED EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ALL INHABITANTS AND CREW...

THE CAPITAL WILL MAKE SURFACE IMPACT IN FIVE MINUTES AND THREE SECONDS.

PLEASE EVACUATE IMMEDI-ATELY.

MEKONG DELTA Flame Tearing Light Blasts!
Krashika Ram Invoktiam Toccata Zon.
Explode, ye Green Dwarves.
KA BOOM
BUOF!
WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
YES!
⇦⇩⇨ + SLICE
OOPS. GUESS MAGIC DOESN'T WORK SO WELL ON THEM...
PROBABILITY OF MAGIC NOT WORKING ON ANGEL-KIND: 70%
VW
AAH
DM DM DM DM DM DM
G
OOM

YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS AND PROSPEROUS LIVELIHOOD ARE COMPLETELY INSURED BY OUR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS IN ALL ELVEN CITIES.
WE AT THE EUROPEA GOVT. INSTITUTIONAL HOSPITAL ASK THAT AS MEMBERS OF THE NOBLE ELVEN RACE...
...PLEASE CONDUCT YOUR-SELVES IN AN ORDERLY MANNER
WR RR RRRR H
DM DM DM DM DM DM

GRAAAAAH
...WE DON'T HAVE TO FRET. HE'LL BE BACK.
KLANG!
IF D.S. REALLY IS THE GREAT GUY THAT HE CLAIMS TO BE...
DMM
GWSH
...IS GOOD LOOKING, OF COURSE! BUT ABOVE ALL...
A TRULY GREAT MAN...
VRRR

WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT ONE ANOTHER, EVEN HIDING OUR REAL STRENGTHS...
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE COMRADES...
...AS WE FIGHT ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER ALL THIS TIME...
DMDMDMMMMM
THAT ROSS... HIDING THAT KIND OF POWER.

FOR NO MATTER WHAT OUR BACK-GROUND...
THAT IS TRUE.
ZSHA!
SO TRUE... BUT DOING SO WAS NOT NECESSARY.

WOOO
WE, WHO RALLIED UNDER MASTER KALL-SU...
...THE 12 SORCERER SHOGUNS... DESIRE JUST ONE THING!

BG VOOM
SECRET WEAPON, WHIRLING DANCE OF THE REPULSION FORCE ATTACK! HUNDRED-FLOWER CONTORTION BLAST!

GA
BOOM
KLANG
BANG
GAH!
FOR THIS WORLD, WE...!
NNNNNGGH!
GSHEEEEN
GAAAH!
GRRR
AH!
OKK
THAT HURTS, DAMMIT!
BLCH
SNAP
RIP
YOU BASTARD!
M
VOOSH!

THAT'S RIGHT.
WE HAVE BUT ONE DESIRE.
IM IM
IM IM
ZWO
FOR THIS WORLD...
OO O OOOOH
GRIP
COME AND GET ME!
FOR THIS WORLD...
KHOOOOH!
FWAP!
GWAH!
OOOH

THE ONLY THING WE EVER REALLY DESIRED, THE ONE THING WE DESPERATELY HOPED TO ACHIEVE...
THAT'S RIGHT... THE SAMURAI AND THE SORCERER SHOGUN, THEY JUST TOOK DIFFERENT PATHS.
PEOPLE WHO WERE ONCE ENEMIES... ARE NOW FIGHTING AS ONE.
THEY FIGHT FOR LUCIEN'S... NO, FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD'S SAKE.
BUT WHAT THEY DESIRED WAS THE SAME...
WHAT WE WANT IS THE SAME!
AND NO LONGER SHALL WE KILL EACH OTHER!

I'LL SHOW YOU THE POWER OF THE SORCERER SHOGUN!
BAGOOM
PRINCE LARS, WHO SEALED D.S. AWAY 17 YEARS AGO.
THE 12 SORCERER SHOGUNS, LED BY THEIR SUPREME KING KALL-SU ON A PATH TO WORLD DOMINATION.
FWASH
EVERYONE HERE WAS, AT ONE TIME D.S.'S ENEMY.
Silven Mountia
Healing Hands!
HEH HEH HERE IT COMES!
EVEN I FOUGHT AGAINST THE SHOGUNS, PUTTING MY LIFE ON THE LINE COUNTLESS TIMES...
NO LONGER SHALL WE SQUANDER OUR SHORT LIVES IN A CYCLE OF HATRED...
NO LONGER SHALL WE DIE FOR THE SIMPLE LACK OF FOOD...
NO LONGER WILL WE BE DECEIVED...

...WHY MUST HUMANS KEEP WAGING WAR?!
...WITH ALL OF HUMANITY DESIRING FREEDOM, PEACE, AND HAPPI-NESS...
SOMEONE TELL ME WHY...
...WAS A KIND WORLD IN WHICH EVERYONE COULD LIVE HAPPILY. THAT'S ALL.
FWOOSH
BOOM
CRACK
WHAK CRACK

GWMMM
THERE ARE JUST TWO MORE LEFT!
GREAT!
ALL RIGHT! THE SECOND LIMITER IS OFF!
GM DM DM
OOH!
FWAP!
AERIAL CAPITAL KING CRIMSON GLORY HAS DESCENDED BELOW THE MINIMUM CRITICAL ALTITUDE.
VWWOOH
ALL RESIDENTS, PLEASE EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY!
CRACKLE
THE CAPITAL WILL... ZBEEP MAKE SURFACE IMPACT... IN FOUR MINUTES AND EIGHT SECONDS.
KOOOOOGGGOOM

VWEEEEN
HJH!
KK
BEEP
AUH
PLUP PLUP
TMP
VSH VSH
SNAP!
GRAAH
PROTECTION WALL BREACHED...
SPLURT
VWWWWN
LEVEL 2 LIMITER, RELEASE!
DA DA
DOOM
GWOM GWOM GWOM GWOM

NNGH!
STOP IT! DON'T LET THAT EVIL ENERGY INCREASE ANY FURTHER!
RAAAAAH!
DM DM DM DM
BOOM
GYEEEEEE!
ANGEL BLAST VOLLEY! BLOW AWAY THAT SOURCE OF SPIRIT ENERGY!
DON'T LET THEM FIRE! STAND YOUR GROUND AT ALL COSTS!
GRR AH
DM DM

VV
BOOM
AAAARGH!
AAA
V
WOOM
DM DM DM DM DM DM

DAMMIT! IT'S THE SONG! THEY'RE GOING TO USE THE DIVINE SPIRIT ATTACK!
KREEEEEEH
AAAAAAAAAH
NOT IF WE CAN HELP IT!
IWAH

BOOM
DM DM DM DM DM DM
NO...!
ZSH

ANTI MAGIC SHELL → SEE VOLUME 1 THINK U EXTREMELY HIGH-LEVEL COUNTER-MAGIC SPELL

GHF.
BA BMP
DDM DDM
DDM DDM
YOKO!
KNEW ON TOP OF THE CONSECUTIVE USE OF HIGH LEVEL HEALING SPELL
SHE EVEN USED THE ABSOLUTE MAGIC SHELL, AN EXTREMELY HIGH LEVEL COUNTER MAGIC SPELL
THD
IF SHE CONTINUES TO USE THE HEALING SPELLS FOR OUR SAKE SHE WILL..
YOKO HAS SURPASSED HER OWN LIMITS OF DIVINE POWER!

GAH!
THD
SHE'S MORE THAN A HIGH PRIEST, SHE'S THE HOLY PRIEST CLASS
THIS ISN'T GOOD
...
WELL I'LL BE THE ANTI MAGIC SHELL, HUH
FLAP FLAP
RIGHT, LUCIEN...?
BA BMP
BA BMP
IT CAN'T BE TO THE EXTENT THAT WARRANTS COMPLETE EXTERMINATION.
BA BMP
GASP
GASP
I'M NOT LETTING THEM DESTROY IT NO MATTER WHAT THEIR WANTS ARE

Archangel

The nine orders of angels can be divided up into three hierarchies Principatus, Archangels, and Angels are considered the ranks of Angels that directly deal with the world of man Archangels are 2nd in this group 8th overall

The Taxiarch Archangel Michael was once of this level An increase in the divine power within an Angel will lead to metamorphosis, transforming it into an archangel

Their battle ability doubles and language skills improve enough to allow for normal speech

Principatus

Highest order of the 3rd hierarchy 7th overall The Angel designated to "Guard the Kingdom of God "

Compared to Angels and Archangels, they are larger in size and smaller in number They possess extremely tough defenses and attack ability with limited agility

The humps on their backs are adaptations of wings and become enormous tentacles once unfurled

They have a high tolerance against magic, rendering magic spells ineffective against them They lead the lower Angel classes

ZSH ZSH ZSHZSH
FUCKING ANGELS...
OH, REALLY?
ZZZSHAAAA
GW
OH
DIE!
ALL WHO GET IN THE WAY WILL DIE!
YOU'RE SO AFRAID OF US RESUR-RECTING THIS ONE PERSON, D.S., HUH!
OH
DWO

RAAA
KILL ALL WHO RESIST! KILL!
GYAAASH! ARCH-ANGELS, ADVANCE!
ROGER
WHAT THE HECK
WHOSH
DESTROY THEM...!
DESTROY!
FWOOM
DESTROY! DESTROY! THAT MACHINE! THAT FLOW OF EVIL POWER!
PUNCH
ZSH

GWAAA
KRSSH
AM
ROCKET DIVER FIRE DRAGON BLAST ATTACK!
YW
THE FIRST RULE OF CHIVALRY!
OOOH
A KNIGHT MUST CONTINUE TO PROTECT AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS OWN LIFE.
CLAMP
...THAT WHICH HE BELIEVES TO BE JUSTICE!

WRRR
RL
ULTIMATE ATTACK! BLADE WHEEL!
WHEEE!
WHA-GGH!
BOOM
GGKK
KKKK
GGSHH
KKH

GWAAAAAH
TRL TRL
DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE JUST STOKING THE FLAMES OF HELL...
...FOR YOUR-SELVES IN THE AFTER-LIFE!
WOOO
YOU FOOLS.
• FIERCE PUNCH

ZNAH
CRK CRK
FWASH
CRACKLE
WHAT GOD HAS DECREED IS DIVINE PROVIDENCE UPON THIS WORLD!
THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN AVOID THE EXTERMI-NATION OF HUMANITY!
MERE HUMANS CANNOT CHANGE IT!
DWOOOH

GKYAA
HOLD ⇧ • SLICE
DURING G-AX ARMOR STANCE)

RAAAAGH!

YOUR DEATHS HAVE BEEN PREOR-DAINED!
IT IS FUTILE TO RESIST!
YWP!

VLAD!
FWOOOH
SOME THING S THERE
WH WHAT S THAT
SHAMETT
HUFF HUFF
TRAMBLE TRAMBLE
AH...
HUFF HUFF
GLOW

DMDMDMD
GAAAAAH!
NNNGH!
GET THAT IN YOUR HEADS YO BIG NOSED FREAK "OU WON." GET THE BETTER OF JS!
GAHAHAHA! VLAD KILLS, HAVE THE GREATEST ATTACK POWER AMONGST ALL THE SORCERER SHOGUN!
IMPOSSIBLE! A PRINCIPATUS BESTED BY A MERE HUMAN!
DMDMDM
DMDM
YOU, HUMAN!
KRAK!
BZOOOSH

the tale of crime and punishment

CONVICTION

20 Then the LORD said, "The outcry
against Sodom and Gomorrah is so
great and their sin so grievous 21 that
I will go down and see if what they
have done is as bad as the outcry that
has reached me. If not, I will know."
22 The men turned away and went
toward Sodom, but Abraham remained
standing before the LORD. 23 Then
Abraham approached him and said:
"Will you sweep away the righteous
with the wicked?

24 What if there are fifty righteous
people in the city? Will you really
sweep it away and not spare the place
for the sake of the fifty righteous
people in it? 25 Far be it from you to do
such a thing—to kill the righteous
with the wicked, treating the right-
teous and the wicked alike. Far be it
from you! Will not the Judge of all
the earth do right?" 26 The LORD said,
"If I find fifty righteous people in the
city of Sodom, I will spare the whole
place for their sake."

32 Then he said, "May the Lord not be
angry, but let me speak just once more.
What if only ten can be found there?"

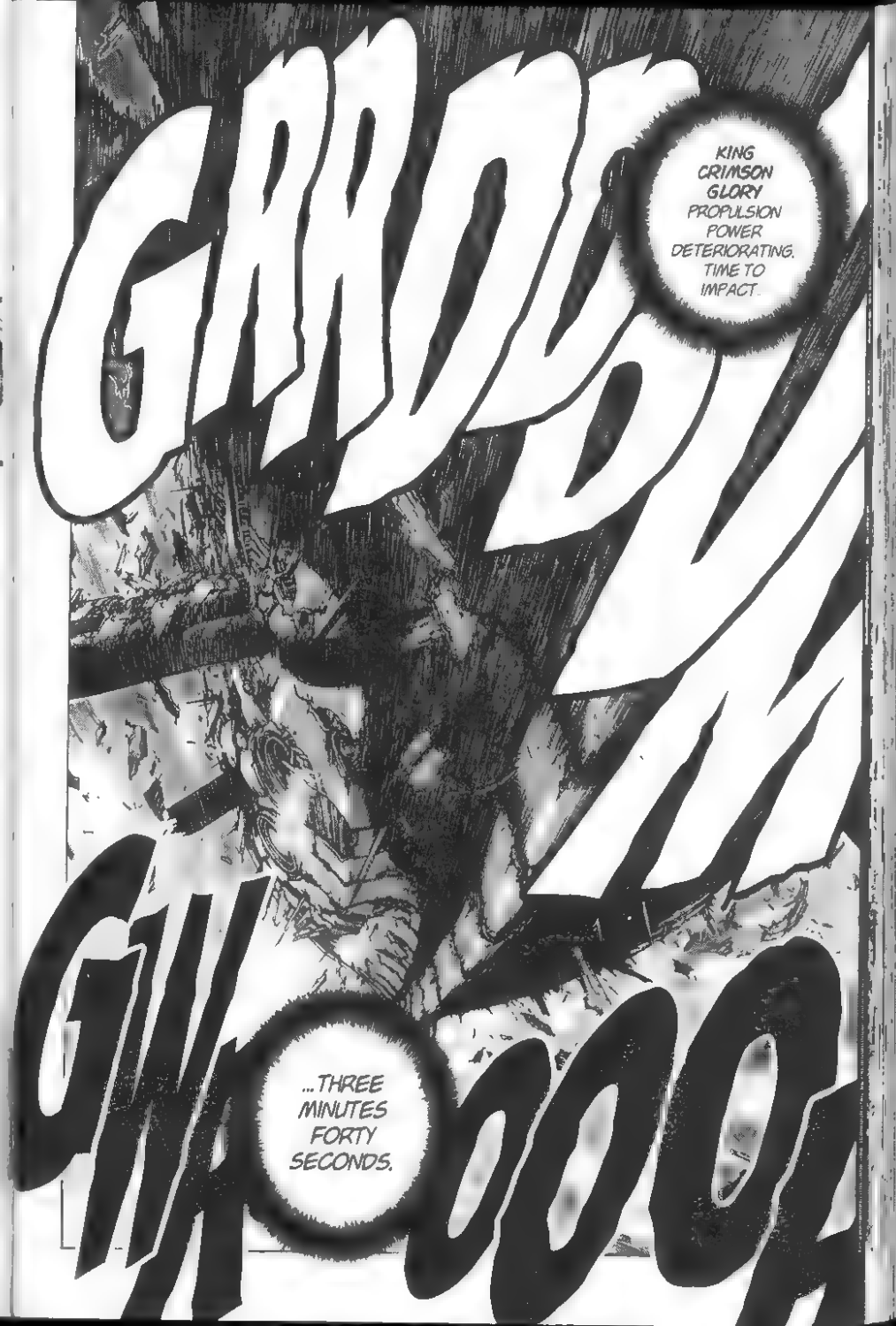
He answered, "For the sake of ten,
I will not destroy it."

27 Then Abraham spoke up again:
"Now that I have been so bold as to
speak to the Lord, though I am
nothing but dust and ashes, 28 what
if the number of the righteous is
five less than fifty? Will you
destroy the whole city because of
five people?" "If I find forty-five
there," he said, "I will not destroy
it." 29 Once again he spoke to him,
"What if only forty are found
there?" He said, "For the sake of
forty, I will not do it."

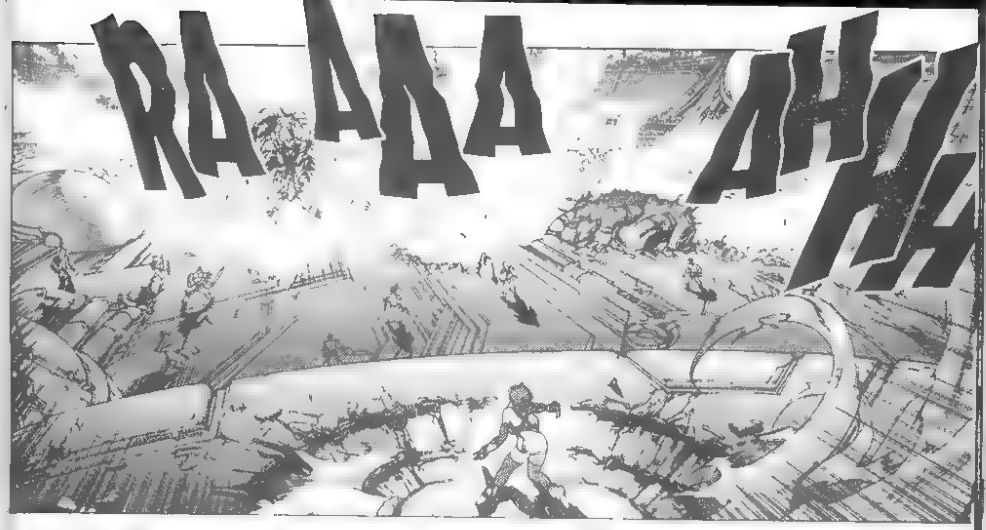
30 Then he said, "May the Lord not be
angry, but let me speak. What if only
thirty can be found there?" He
answered, "I will not do it if I find
thirty there."

31 Abraham said, "Now that I have
been so bold as to speak to the Lord,
what if only twenty can be found
there?" He said, "For the sake of
twenty, I will not destroy it."

AAH!
DRIP
UNH...
BUMP
HUFF
NNH...
PANT
PANT


KING CRIMSON GLORY PROPULSION POWER DETERIORATING. TIME TO IMPACT.
...THREE MINUTES FORTY SECONDS.

GWM
BWAHAHA! TAKE THAT, MEASLY HUMAN!
VLAD!


RA ADA
AH HA

WOO
STOP! ZAKK!
THAT ISN'T RIGHT IS
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU PAY!
VR
YOU ASS-HOLE!
HEY
WHY YOU-!
DM
MW!
I'M GONNA KILL YOU ALL!

DM DM DM DM
DM DM DM

CRACK

BA
WHA–?!
GLEEAA
WHAT–?!
I-IT FEELS LIKE I'M BEING RIPPED APART TO THE VERY TIPS OF MY FINGERS!
AAAH!
GAH!
NH!
NNH!

GUR...
OUR...
UTO
ZAKK!
SHF!
OUR UTOPIA...
...WITH MASTER KALL...
LET'S CREATE IT...
RIGHT... YNGWEI?
OOOH
OOOH

ZAKK!
DMM
GRK
BOOM
WHAT...? WHAT IS THIS...?
OOHOOO
SINGING
!
AAAHAAAAH

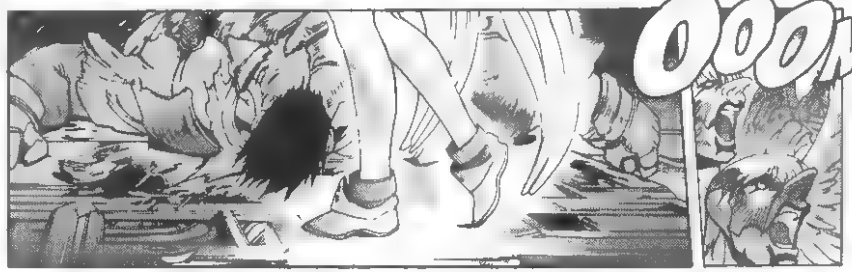
OOOOOH
WITHOUT DISCRIMI-NATION.
SHHF
WITHOUT POVERTY.

OUR...
SORCERER'S KINGDOM.

OOH
A KINGDOM WITHOUT WARS.

THE ANGELS...
...ARE PART-ING...

A KINGDOM WHERE A STARVING CHILD WILL NOT DIE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD LIKE A STRAY DOG.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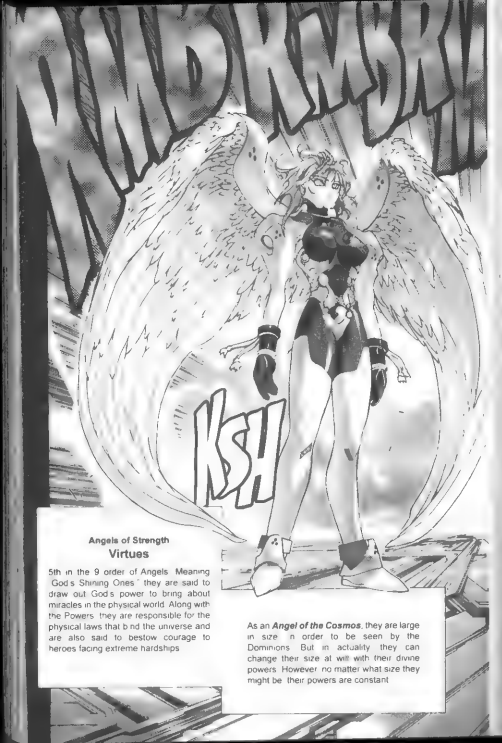


Angels of Strength

Virtues

5th in the 9 order of Angels. Meaning "God's Shining Ones" they are said to draw out God's power to bring about miracles in the physical world. Along with the Powers they are responsible for the physical laws that bind the universe and are also said to bestow courage to heroes facing extreme hardships

As an ***Angel of the Cosmos***, they are large in size in order to be seen by the Dominions But in actuality they can change their size at will with their divine powers However no matter what size they might be their powers are constant

Angels of Knowledge

Powers

6th in the 9 orders of Angels The 7th order Principatus the 8th order Archangels and the 9th order Angels are designated as ***Ranks of Angels of the World*** In contrast the 4th order Dominions the 5th order Virtues and the 6th order Powers are called ***Angels of the Cosmos***

According to Dionysius the Areopagite, Powers are "Protectors of humanity they hold aloft flaming swords and are led by the Angel Raphael " They govern the movements of atoms and electrons, and are designated as "Angels who face off against the Devil who tries to take over the world "

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WISH...
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HUMANS TO CREATE AN ETERNAL UTOPIA.

WOOO
HUAP HUAP!
THIS ENERGY! THEY'RE ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL!
WH... AT?!
NH!
SHW
AAAAAAAAAAA
OH MISERABLE HUMANS...

AS TO WHY YOU HUMANS CANNOT CEASE YOUR CONFLICTS WHILE DREAMING OF PEACE...
...IT IS BECAUSE THE HUMAN SOUL IS DRENCHED IN THE FILTH OF SIN.
...FROM WITHIN YOU.
THEY COME...

THE REASON IS SIMPLE.
HATE AND WAR ARE NOT EXTERNAL FORCES THAT CORRUPT YOU...

AGH, TH-THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
SHA AAH!
SOME TREMENDOUS PRESENCE WITH AN UNBELIEVABLE LEVEL OF POWER!
SHEEEN
OOH ?!

MICHAEL.
THE FIRST ORDER SERAPHIM.

I AM THE SWORD THAT WILL EXCISE YOUR SINS.
THE ONE GIVEN THE AUTHORITY TO COMMAND ALL OF GOD'S ARMIES.

FLASH

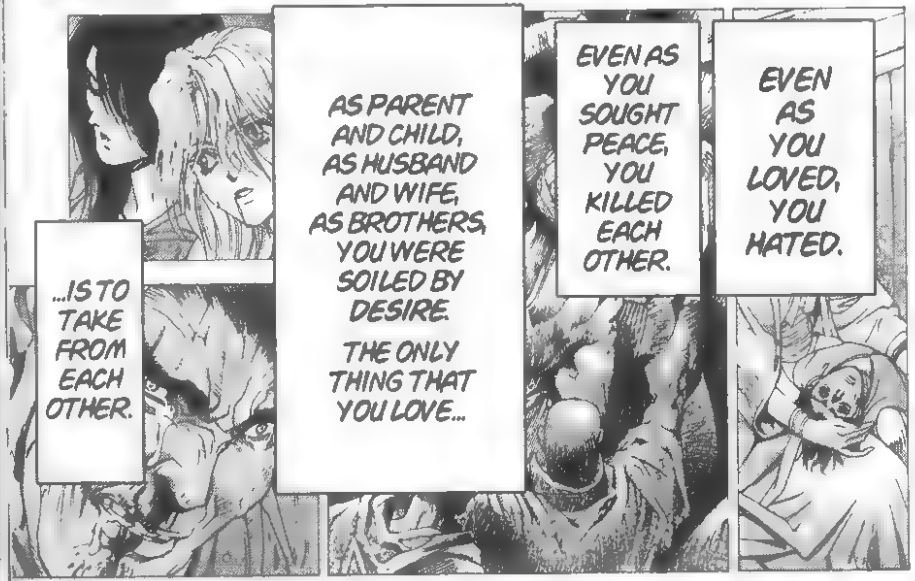
VNOOOOH
...YOU HUMANS WILL SOON BE CONFINED TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL.
FOR HAVING TURNED YOUR BACK ON GOD AND FALLEN TO EVIL...
AND OUR LORD WILL FORGET YOUR VERY EXISTENCE...

NO, IT'S NOT EVEN THAT..
IT MAY HAVE THE APPEARANCE OF A YOUNG GIRL, BUT IT'S A MONSTROUS ABOMINATION.
I CAN'T FIGURE OUT THE LIMITS OF ITS COMBAT STRENGTH!
I FEEL LIKE PASSING OUT JUST BY LOOKING AT IT..
WHAT INTENSE DIVINE POWER!
THE TAXIARCH ARCH-ANGEL MICHAEL?!
MICHAEL!

I HATE TO SAY THIS... WE'RE NO MATCH FOR IT!
MICHAEL'S POWER RIVALS THAT OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!

FWAP
RMBRMB
RMBRMB

BE ABLE TO CONTROL OTHERS AND HAVE THEM SING YOUR PRAISES.
HAVE MORE EXTRAVA-GANCES.
HAVE MORE ADVANTAGES.
BE MORE ADMIRED.
HAVE MORE PLEASURES.
MORE, MORE, MORE.


...IS TO TAKE FROM EACH OTHER.
AS PARENT AND CHILD, AS HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS BROTHERS, YOU WERE SOILED BY DESIRE.
THE ONLY THING THAT YOU LOVE...
EVEN AS YOU SOUGHT PEACE, YOU KILLED EACH OTHER.
EVEN AS YOU LOVED, YOU HATED.

YOU WANT TO HAVE THE EASY LIFE.

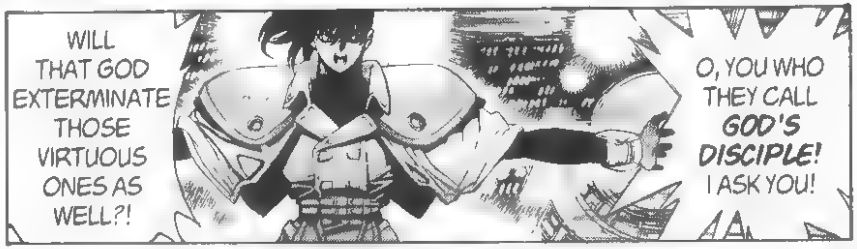
RMBRMB
RMBR
RMB
WHAT DERAILED YOU WAS DESIRE.

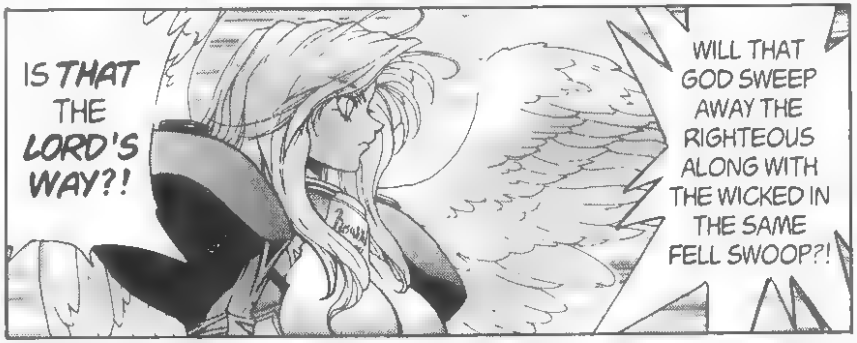
EVEN AS YOU PRAYED TO GOD, YOU DID NOT TRULY BELIEVE.
FOOLISH HUMANS. MISER-ABLE HUMANS.

ALAS, YOU HAVE BEEN ABANDONED EVEN BY OUR LORD, WHO LOVED YOU TO THE POINT OF SADNESS.

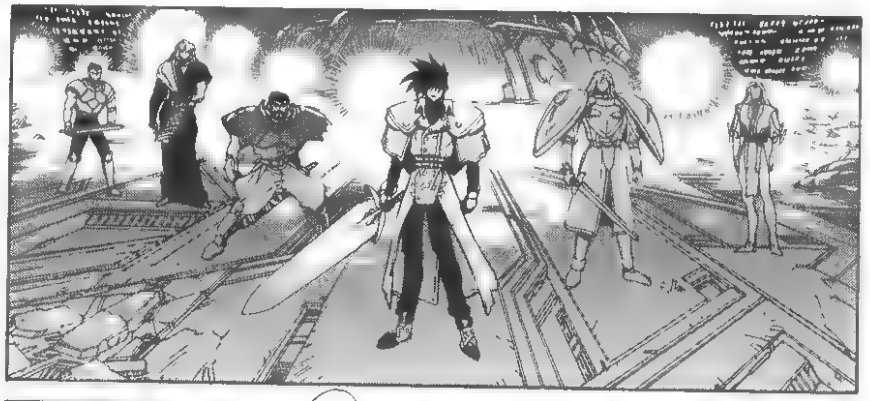
...IS BROKEN...
YOUR LOVE...
AND SO, PERISH, HUMANS.

THERE ARE PLENTY AMONGST US HUMANS WHO ARE VIRTUOUS, KIND AND PURE!
LEADER OF THE ANGELS, MICHAEL!
THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT ALL HUMANS ARE EVIL!


WILL THAT GOD EXTERMINATE THOSE VIRTUOUS ONES AS WELL?!
O, YOU WHO THEY CALL GOD'S DISCIPLE! I ASK YOU!


IS THAT THE LORD'S WAY?!
WILL THAT GOD SWEEP AWAY THE RIGHTEOUS ALONG WITH THE WICKED IN THE SAME FELL SWOOP?!

...IS BROKEN...?
OUR LOVE...



BUT EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE COMMITTED MANY FOOLISH ACTS OVER AND OVER..
IT'S TRUE. HUMANS DO HAVE AN EVIL SIDE.

YES... THE SIN OF HUMANITY IS HEREDI-TARY!
THE SIN THAT HUMANS COMMITTED WAS STORED INTO THE GENES ON BOTH A SPIRITUAL AND BIOLOGICAL LEVEL.
THIS HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN UNINTER-RUPTED IN THE BLOOD OF HUMANITY.
WHY DO YOU FIGHT? OF COURSE, ONE REASON MAY BE DESIRE. OR FOR JUSTICE. OR FOR COUNTRY, FOR FAMILY, FOR COMRADES OR FOR LOVE.
BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU NOW ONLY POSSESS A SELFISH LOVE, CREATING A HISTORY OF WASHING BLOOD WITH BLOOD.
HOWEVER, YOUR ENEMY IS ALSO FIGHTING FOR THAT VERY SAME LOVE! FOR THIS TWISTED AND CORRUPTED LOVE!

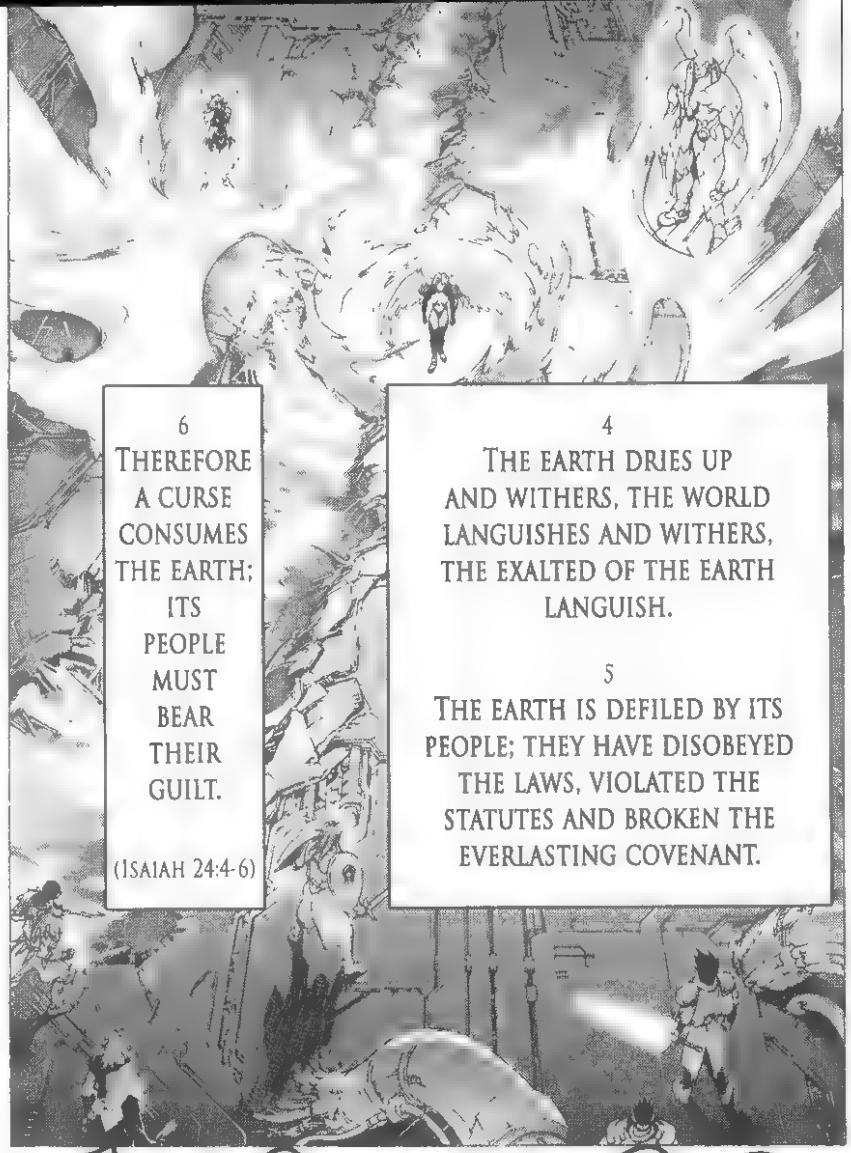
IT IS THAT, WITHIN THE HEARTS OF ALL HUMANS THERE EXISTS BOTH GOOD AND EVIL IN RELATIVE MEASURES.
THAT IS NOT THE CASE, BRAVE ONE. IT IS NOT THAT THERE EXISTS GOOD HUMANS AND EVIL HUMANS.
IN THE BEGINNING, HUMANS WERE CREATED AS VIRTUOUS CREATURES WITH FREE WILL
HOWEVER, SINCE THE FIRST HUMANS COMMITTED SIN, THAT VIRTUOUS NATURE CHANGED AND THEY BEGAN TO EXHIBIT ABHORRENT DEMEANOR UNCHECKED BY MORAL RESTRAINT
SIN IS ESSENTIALLY A PROCE-DURAL ERROR THAT HAS CORRUPTED THE PRO-GRAMMING, LIKE A VIRUS.

DON'T JUST ASSUME
PLEASE
RIGHT! JUST BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY IT'S BEEN DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT'S GOING TO STAY THAT WAY!
THAT'S SO ONE-SIDED!
W...!
WAIT A SECOND!

IF, FOR YOU ANGELS, THE PROBLEM IS HUMANITY'S GOOD AND EVIL, JUST GIVE US A LITTLE TIME. ISN'T THIS KIND OF KILLING IN ITSELF MEANINGLESS?!
MICHAEL! WE HUMANS HAVE THE POSSIBILITY TO FORGE A NEW FUTURE OF VIRTUE!

UNDER GOD'S COMMAND, WE ANGELS HAVE OBSERVED HUMANS FROM BEFORE THE DAWN OF TIME AND HAVE TRIED TO GUIDE YOU.
REST ASSURED.
THE PROBABILITY OF A VIRTUOUS FUTURE IS FUNDAMENTALLY NIL.
AND AFTER THE PASSAGE OF SIX THOUSAND YEARS, THE WORST FUTURE POSSIBLE WAS REALIZED...

...IS WHOLLY FROM THE ORIGINAL REBELLION AGAINST GOD— ORIGINAL SIN.
WHEN SOMEONE DIES, THIS BRINGS FORTH SADNESS AND HATE, LEADING TO NEVER-ENDING FIGHTING...
THE REASON YOU HUMANS HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE THIS SAME MISTAKE IN HISTORY...
THIS SIN CORRUPTS LOVE, GIVING BIRTH TO THE NEXT SIN AND THE NEXT. THUS HUMANS HAVE ENDLESSLY CONTINUED THEIR DESCENT
THERE-FORE...
THE TIME TO PULL THE ROOT OF THAT SIN HAS ARRIVED!
ALL HUMANS MUST BE PURGED.
YOU HUMANS ARE THE GREATEST FAILURE THAT GOD HAS EVER CREATED.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THEREFORE A CURSE CONSUMES THE EARTH; ITS PEOPLE MUST BEAR THEIR GUILT.
(ISAIAH 24:4-6)
4
THE EARTH DRIES UP AND WITHERS, THE WORLD LANGUISHES AND WITHERS, THE EXALTED OF THE EARTH LANGUISH.
5
THE EARTH IS DEFILED BY ITS PEOPLE; THEY HAVE DISOBEYED THE LAWS, VIOLATED THE STATUTES AND BROKEN THE EVERLASTING COVENANT.

WROOOOOM
TMP!

YOU EVEN RECRUITED THE POWERS OF ANTHRASAX REPUTED TO BE AN ATROCIOUSLY EVIL BEING
SORCERER SHOGUNS, YOU ALSO GRIEVED FOR THE PITIABLE STATE OF THIS WORLD AND HENCE BEGAN YOUR BATTLE.

UGH.

BUT THAT WAS ALL WELL AND GOOD. THE FLESH OF THE RESURRECTED GREAT ARMY OF THE EVIL GOD...
...BECAME THE MEANS FOR OUR ANGEL ARMY TO MANIFEST.

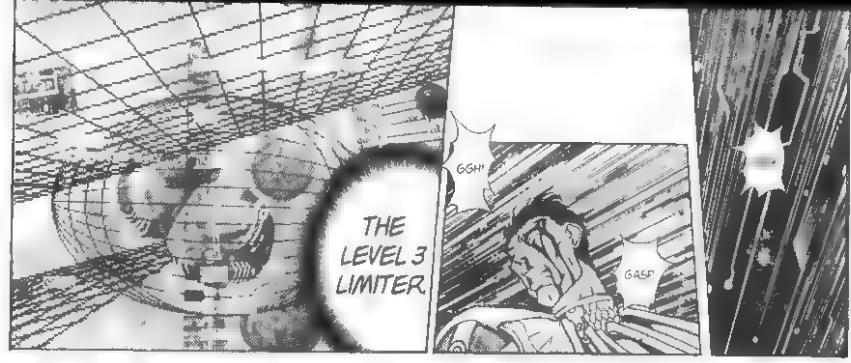
TIME HAS RUN OUT AND SO HAS GOD'S MERCY...
EVERYTHING IS ACCORDING TO GOD'S PLAN.

GGH! GH!
MY...
MY BODY... CAN'T MOVE!
KA-NK
WHA-?!
THE PUN-ISHMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH!
DM DM DM
GW
DM DM
I-I'M GONNA DIE...!

GASP!
MICHAEL'S POWERS INCREASED!
DM DM
AH!
AAAH ...!
DW
HUMANS!
OW

WH...
AT?!
MICHAEL...
WAIT.
FWA
AH

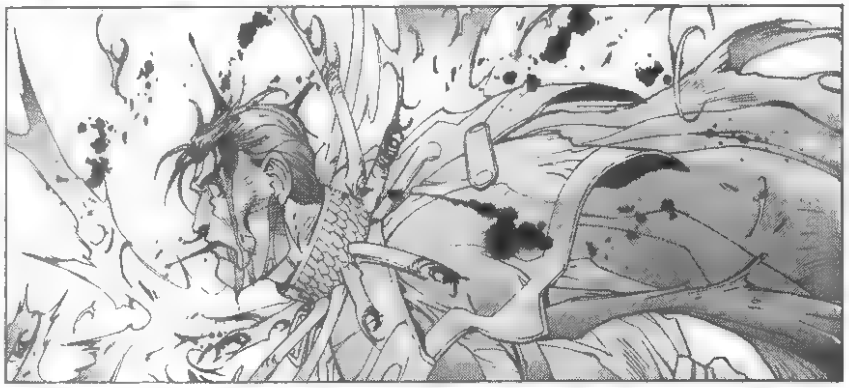
ROYAL
HUNT
Bird of
Flame!


THE LEVEL 3 LIMITER.
GGH!
GASP!

RELEASE IT!
BG
OOM

GGDD
GWOM GWOM
GWOM
GWOM
GWOM
GWOM

WMGWM
GWMGWM
WROOOH
ZZT



SPLAT
BAM
DMM
GRAAAAAH!
ZZT

GWRAAA!
WOOOOOOOOH
EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT! THE LIMITERS OF THE ASTRAL REACTOR HAVE BEEN RELEASED UP TO LEVEL 3...!
THE ASTRAL PROJECTOR IS NOW ENTERING ITS FINAL OVERLOAD PHASE!
I RE-PEAT-
PSSSH
ZZAP

DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
BWOOMM
..AND WILL IMPACT THE GROUND IN TWO MINUTES FORTY SECONDS.
IT IS DANGER-
TKK KRK SNAP
AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL RESIDENTS. THE CITY IS CONTINUING ITS RAPID DESCENT..

D.S. ..
ONLY THE FINAL LIMITER S LEFT.
VREEE
VREEE
HUFF
HUFF
ONLY ONE PRO-TECTED SEAL REMAINS.

CHUCKLE
NOW THAT'S A SURPRISE. MY, MY.
DON'T GO DOING ANYTHING HEROIC, ABI! YOU SHIT FACED BASTARD!

GGGOOOH
KRK! GRK!
SO EVEN I CAN HEAR THIS ILLOGICAL AUDITORY HALLUCINA-TION.

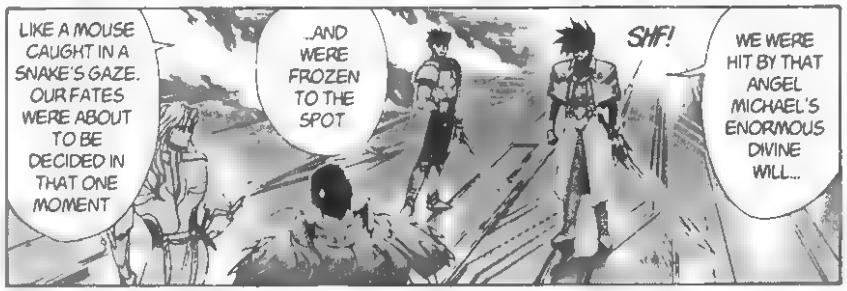
KWAD

AAAAAAAH

VSHAHH
FLASH

AAH!

HEY.
MY BODY CAN MOVE
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
I FELT LORD LUCIFER'S PRESENCE, BUT...
FOR A SECOND...


LIKE A MOUSE CAUGHT IN A SNAKE'S GAZE. OUR FATES WERE ABOUT TO BE DECIDED IN THAT ONE MOMENT
..AND WERE FROZEN TO THE SPOT
SHF!
WE WERE HIT BY THAT ANGEL MICHAEL'S ENORMOUS DIVINE WILL...

NO MATTER WHAT THE ENEMY'S FEARSOME STRENGTH, WE HAVE ONLY ONE PATH.

WITHOUT THE HELP OF YOKO'S HEALING POWERS, THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR STRENGTHS IS TOO GREAT, YNGWEI.
MICHAEL'S POWERS GO BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION.

IT'S OFF-LINE!

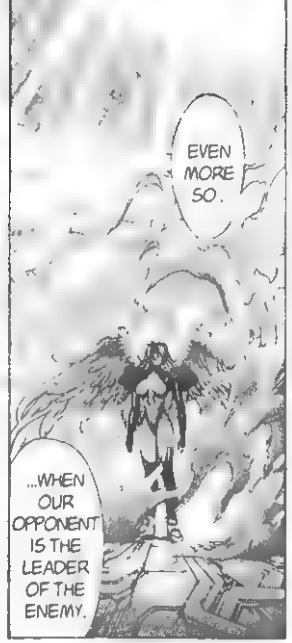
WOOOA
THE THIRD LIMITER ...!

KKRSH
KRSHKRS

DON'T PANIC.
LORD MICHAEL

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROTECT!
RAAAAAH!
EVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS LIFE!

AP
Uuoom
FOOLS.


EVEN MORE SO.
...WHEN OUR OPPONENT IS THE LEADER OF THE ENEMY.

IS THAT NOT SO, PRINCE LARS?

THAT'S RIGHT..
YES...

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COMRADES WHO HAVE DIED...
EVEN IF IT IT'S JUST A SINGLE ARROW OF RETRI-BUTION...

FOR THE SAKE OF LETTING OUR DREAM BE KNOWN.
A UTOPIA FOR HUMANITY...!

WHAT ?!

TH... THIS IS...

SIAM
Prayer
Attack!

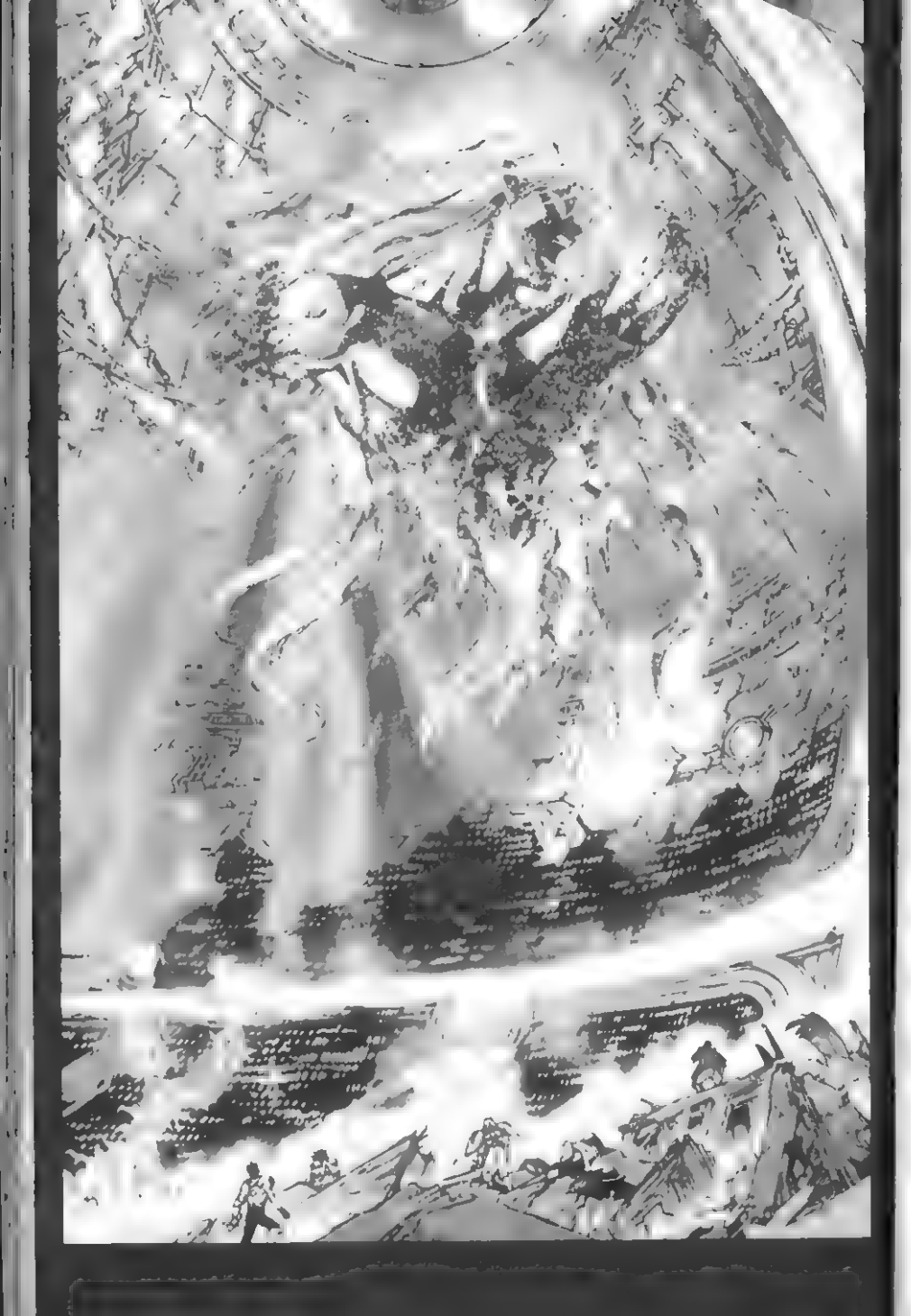
SPLSH
WHAT...
WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?
PLUP PLUP
SWAY
SHEEEEN
EMER. GENCY.. ANNOUNCE. MENT..
GWOOOOOH
THD
ZSH!
GWSSSH
DMM

the tale of crime
and punishment -
celestial song

THE CITY... WILL MOMENTARILY...
RMB RMB RMB
...CRA... SH...

The Tale of Crime and Punishment— Celestial Song

AAH AA AA IIAA IIAA
NH
...AND HE WILL FEED THEE (ET IPSE TE ENUTRIET.)
GWOO
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON.
NGH
BY THE POWER OF ONE BLAST. WE WERE
OH. YEAH
IIAA AA AAH AAH AAAH
CAST THY CARE ON THE LORD... (JACTA COGITATUM TUUM IN DOMINO.)
OOH
CAST. (JACTA
EEEE
SINGING ...
..THAT WERE COMING AGAINST ME. (...APPROPI-QUANT MIHI
...HEARD MY COMPLAINT AGAINST THEM... (...EXAUDIVIT VOCEM MEAM, AB HIS QUI...)
WHEN I CRIED OUT, THE LORD... (DUM CLAMAREM AD DOMINUM...)



R.M.M
COME, HOLY SPIRIT (VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS.)
NN- NGH!
UGHH
KLANG
SHFF..
SEND FORTH THE HEAVENLY RADIANCE OF YOUR LIGHT (ET EMITTE CAELITUS LUCIS TUAE RADIUM
HUFF
HUFF
RUSTLE
OOAAHOO-
BABMP
THE ANGELS... ARE CHANTING..

O COME, FATHER OF THE POOR! VENI, PATER PAUPERUM.

NOT SURPRISING FOR THOSE THAT MADE IT MERE
SO THEY DO NOT FEAR DEATH.
KRK
AHH.

...

D.S...

A VISION OF LUCIEN...
...IS SHRIEKING...
RO
AA
AAGH

ZSH
SZSH
G
K
ROAGH

GREATEST COMFORTER... (CONSOLATOR OPTIME...)
SWEET GUEST OF THE SOUL... (DULCIS HOSPES ANIMAE...)
SWEET CONSOLATION (DULCE REFRIGERIUM.)
GRAK
I DIDN'T... UNTIL TODAY.
WITH ALL THIS, HOW CAN ONE NOT BELIEVE...?
I...AM THE OPPOSITE.
GURO
THE LAST OF THE FAITH WITHIN ME...
...DIED TODAY.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD?
WOAH
AH
O COME, SOURCE OF ALL GIFTS (YOU WHO ARE ENDOWED WITH THE HEAVENS) VENI, DATOR MUNERUM.
DRIVEN INTO A CORNER...
VWIP!
WH
COME, FILL OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE. (VENI, LUMEN CORDIUM.)
I ASK YOU...

FWIP!
!
BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY.
ABIGAIL ?!
WOOOO

DADOOM
IN ANY CASE, WE NO LONGER...
DAAAH!
...HAVE A GOD TO PRAY TO...
GSHH
KRAK

GLOW

I HAVE COME TO SAY FAREWELL, MY BEAUTIFUL LADY.

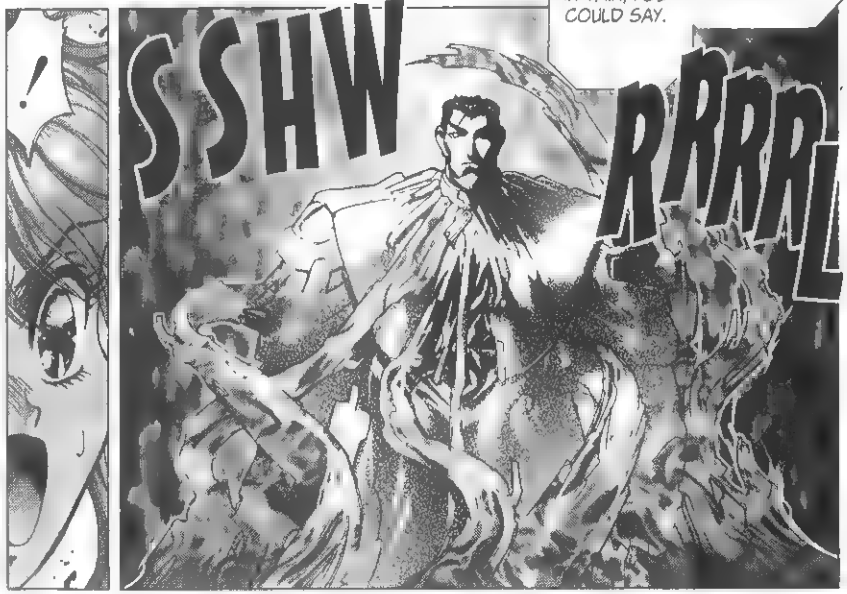
FAREWELL ...?

WRO
OOOM
TU
ZRR
ZWOOM

WOA
AA
A
THE ASTRAL REACTOR IS CURRENTLY IN STAGE 3 AND ALL THAT 'S LEFT IS THE FINAL PROTECTIVE SEAL
ONCE THIS IS RELEASED, D.S. CAN ESCAPE FROM THE NETHER DIMENSION AND REAPPEAR IN OUR REALITY.

FSHHH
DM DM DM DM DM DM
FSHWWW
CRACK
SNAP
PSHH

FOR THE FUTURE OF MAN-KIND..
..NOT ALL IN VAIN, YOU COULD SAY.
WE WILL BE ABLE TO DERIVE A BRIGHT RAY OF HOPE. SO EVEN THIS FRIGHTENING SYSTEM WAS..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SSHW
RRRRL

THEIR HEARTS OVERFLOWED WITH HATRED FOR GOD — THE MIGHTY FORCE WHO CONTROLLED ALL FROM SOME DISTANT PART OF THE UNIVERSE.
THE OTHER NINE OLD MEN CHANGED AS THOUGH POSSESSED..
SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS AFTER THE GREAT DESTRUCTION, THE POWER OF THE TEN WISE MEN INCHED EVER CLOSER TO BECOMING OMNIPOTENT. AND AS THEIR CONTROL GREW
"IT'S CALL YOURSELVES THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY OF THE LAW, WORSE LIKE A BUNCH OF CRIMINALS ACTING LIKE GOOD GUYS
ALL OF HUMANITY'S MISERY HAS ITS ROOTS WITH YOU!
HOW-EVER..
ALL SO THEY COULD BE CONSIDERED AS GODS!
"YOU SAW THE EVIDENCE YOURSELF THAT GROTESQUE MUSEUM IS THE RESULT OF THAT WORK.
LUSTED AFTER GREATER POWER AND CONTINUED THEIR EVIL EXPERIMENTS OF HORROR
THE "SCIENCE" THAT UTILIZED SPIRIT ENERGY WAS NO DIFFERENT FROM MAGIC. ONE AFTER ANOTHER, TERRIFYING CREATURES FROM LEGEND WERE BROUGHT TO LIFE.
THEY DESIGNATED THEMSELVES AS BEINGS CLOSEST TO GOD, AND BEGAN TO CONTROL HUMAN HISTORY..
WHOOOH-
GKSH GKSH
BY GOING BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE SPECIES AND BY EVOLVING SPIRITUALLY, THEY BELIEVED THAT MANKIND COULD CONQUER HATE AND WAR
WE WANTED TO CREATE A UTOPIA BASED ON A BALANCE OF SCIENTIFIC AND SPIRITUAL HARMONY.
GABOOM
A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN THIS SYSTEM WAS BUILT..
THE TEN WISE MEN OF EUROPEA, INCLUDING MYSELF, BELIEVED IN THE POSSIBILITIES OF MANKIND'S FUTURE
THE TEN WISE MEN WERE REVERED, UNINVERTED, AS HOLY MEN
WE IMPROVED UPON NATURE, DEVELOPED OUR MAGICAL SCIENCE FURTHER, CONSTRUCTED THIS FLOATING CITY, AND THE ELVES FLOURISHED
IN REALITY.. THEY WERE ONLY DOING PENANCE FOR CREATING THE CAUSE OF THE ANNIHILATION OF THE ANCIENT-WORLD
THE EXPERIMENTS ON SPIRIT ENERGY AND THIS APPARATUS WERE ALL ORIGINALLY FOR THAT PURPOSE
OVER COUNTLESS GENERATIONS, WE GENETICALLY IMPROVED UPON THE HUMANS WHO SURVIVED THE GREAT DESTRUCTION.
AND GAVE BIRTH TO A NEW HUMANOID SPECIES CALLED ELF. SPIRITUALLY HIGHER IN LEVEL, MAGICALLY POWERFUL, AND LONG LIVING

REMINI-
SCENT OF
THE TIME
WHEN I..

..WAS
BEING
MANIPU-
LATED BY
ANTHRASAX

DWOO
OM

AND
NOW...
THEY HAVE
BEGUN
THAT
TERRIFYING
PROJECT?

KRK
KRK
GRK
KRK

...
FWMP

PSH
KRK
NO...
AND WHAT DO
WE HAVE TO
SHOW FOR IT?
WE HAVE
BROUGHT
HUMANITY TO
THE BRINK OF
EXTINCTION
ONCE AGAIN..

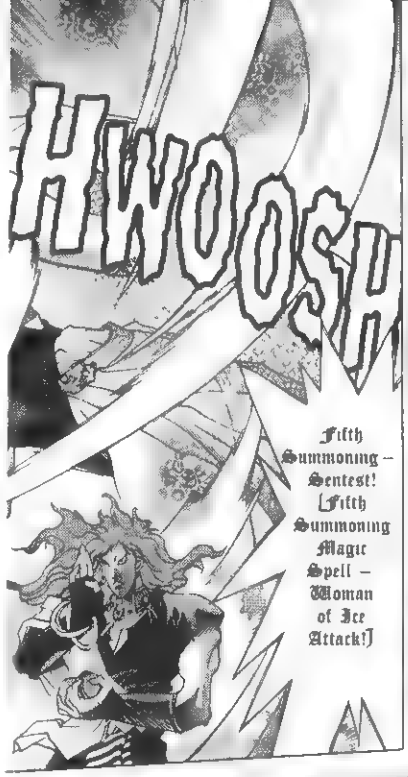
PRO
JECT ?

PERHAPS
THIS...IS THEIR
TRUE
PROJECT.

GR-P
PERHAPS
THIS
EXTINC-
TION..

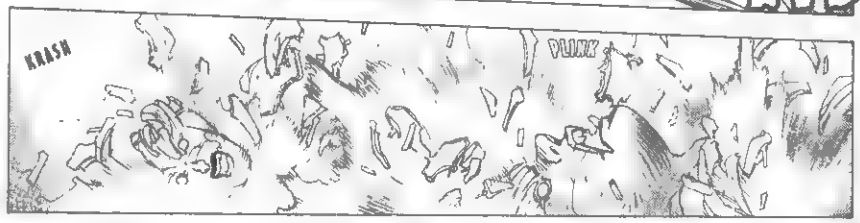
NOW ENTERING FINAL PHASE THE ASTRAL REACTOR HAS NOW ENTERED THE OVERLOAD PHASE
COUNT-DOWN COMMENC .NG
CRACKLE CRACKLE
ZWOO
AAAH
EEEE

KW
EEE
N
VWOOO
VWOO
N
O, MOST BLESSED LIGHT
(O LUX BEATISSIMA,)
FILL THE INMOST HEART
(REPLE CORDIS INTIMA,
...OF YOUR FAITHFUL
(TUORUM FIDELIUM.)
WITHOUT YOUR DIVINE WILL...
(SINE TUO NUMINE.)
THERE IS NOTHING IN MAN.
(NIHIL EST IN HOMINE..) /
NOTHING IS HARMLESS
(NIHIL EST INNOXIUM.)
DM
DOOM


HWOOSH
Fifth Summoning – Sentest! [Fifth Summoning Magic Spell – Woman of Ice Attack!]

KLTCH
GW OH
THUD
IN LABOR, REST...
(IN LABORE REQUIES...)
IN HEAT, TEMPERANCE...
(IN AESTU TEMPERIES...)
IN TEARS, SOLACE.
(IN FLETU SOLATIUM.)

BAM
BOOM


KRASH
PLINK

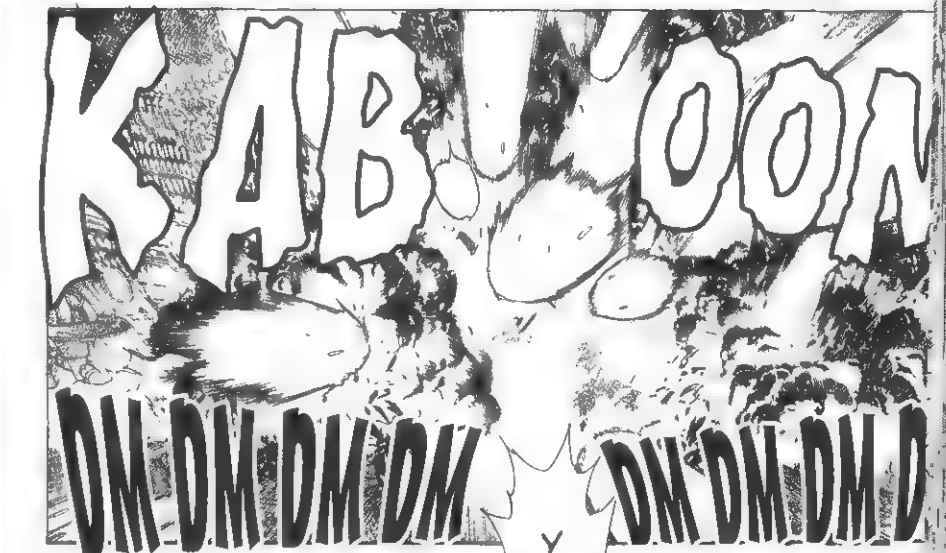
HEAL THAT WHICH IS WOUNDED. (SANA QUOD EST SAUCIUM.)
WATER THAT WHICH IS DRY... (RIGA QUOD EST ARIDUM...)
WASH THAT WHICH IS UNCLEAN... (LAVA QUOD EST SORDIDUM.)
GYEE-EEH.
DAISAKKAI SLASH WORLD KILLING OTHER DIMENSION SLASH STRIKE!
SLIP
MAKE RIGHT THAT WHICH IS WRONG. (REGE QUOD EST DEVIUM.)
WARM THAT WHICH IS CHILLED... (FOVE QUOD EST FRIGIDUM...)
BEND THAT WHICH IS INFLEXIBLE... (FLECTE QUOD EST RIGIDUM...)

RRRAGH!
GRAAAH!
ERRA-AAGH!
SLASSSH
ULTRA-AIR VIBRATING SONIC MULTI-ATTACK!!
FWWM
ZSHH
SPEED OF LIGHT SWORD, ULTIMATE ATTACK!
GIVE SALVATION AT OUR PASSING ON. / IDA SALUTIS EXITUM
YWOOK
GIVE ETERNAL JO / IDA PERENNE GAUDIUM
GIVE TO YOUR FAITHFUL / DA TUIS FIDELIBUS
THOSE WHO REJOICE IN YOU / TE LAETIS
ETERNAL / THE NEVERENDING GIFTS / MUNERUM / AETERNUM

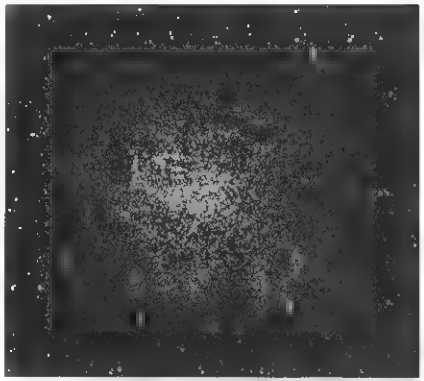
SHK KKK
THD
VEEEEN
KR
SH
YNGWEI!
DM DM DM DM DM
Enola Gay! Heavenly Light Rapid Fire Blast!

TOO SLOW.
SH
A
HK
BLAST

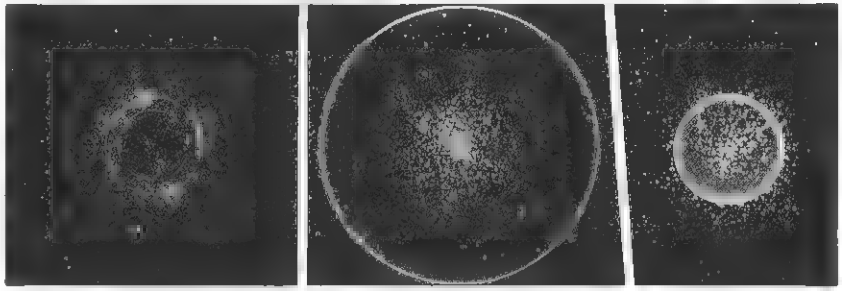
AAAAAH!
RMMM
AH...
KLAK
UH... NGH.
AH...

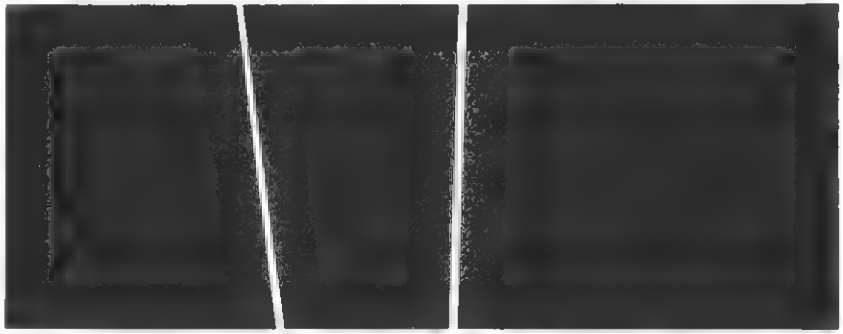

KABOOM
DM DM DM DM
DM DM DM D

NH.
NNGH.
YNGWE!



HAAHA-HAHA-HA! FEEL THE POWER OF RIGHT-EOUS-NESS!





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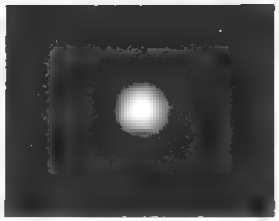

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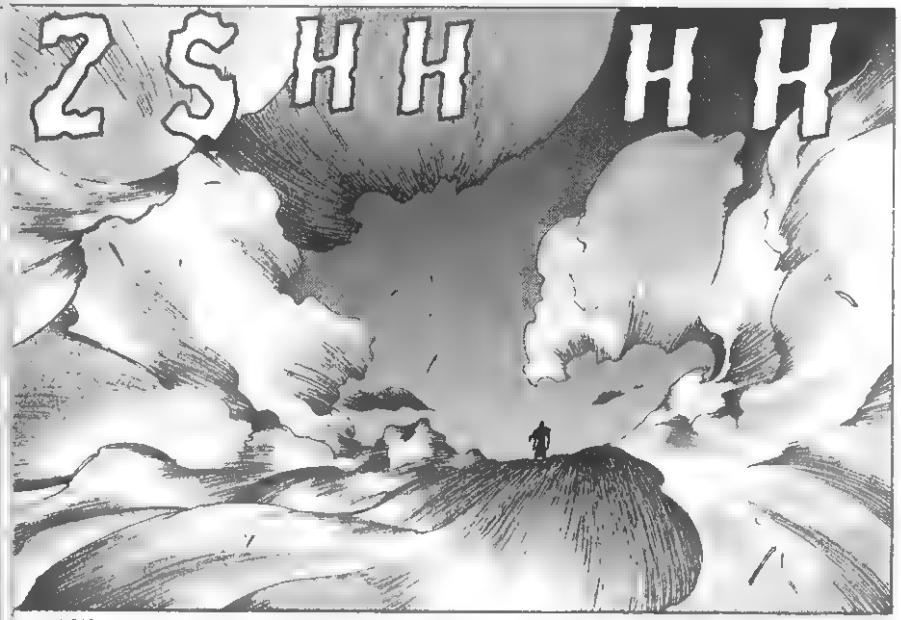
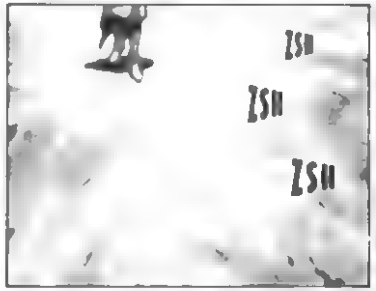

ZSHH HH

FWOO
OOOO

AAAAAH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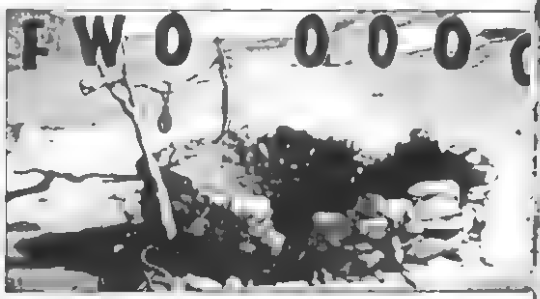
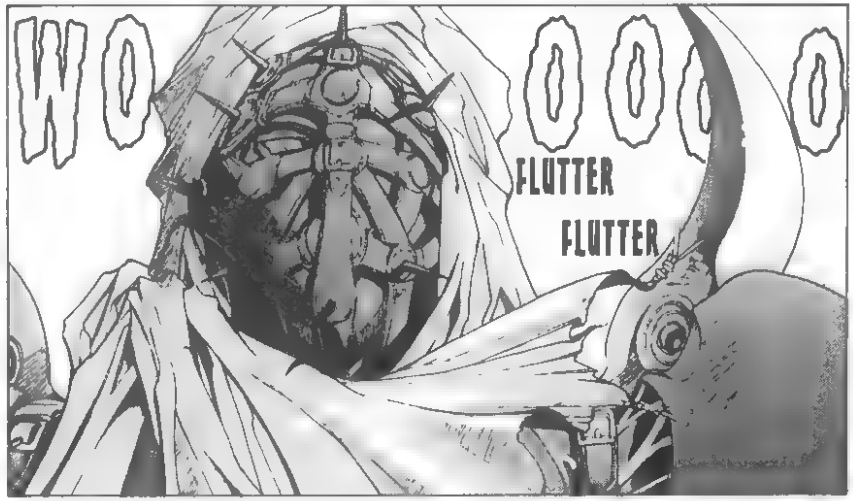
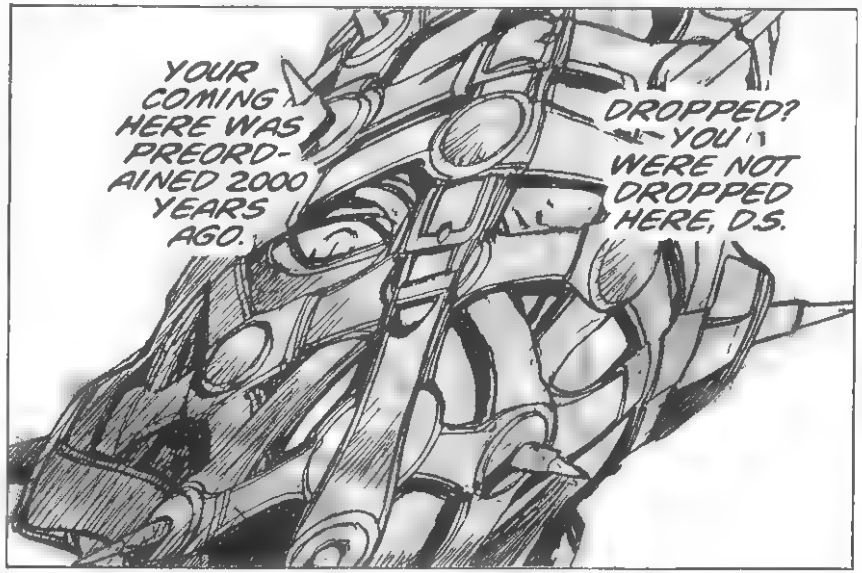

FWO OOO

ZSH!

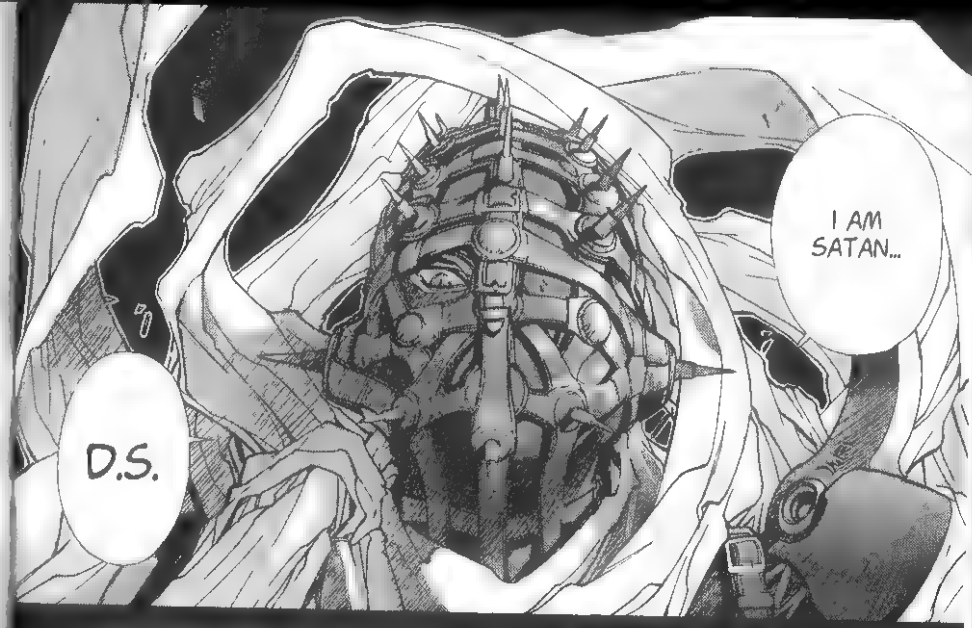
ZSH
HHHH
WHY ...?

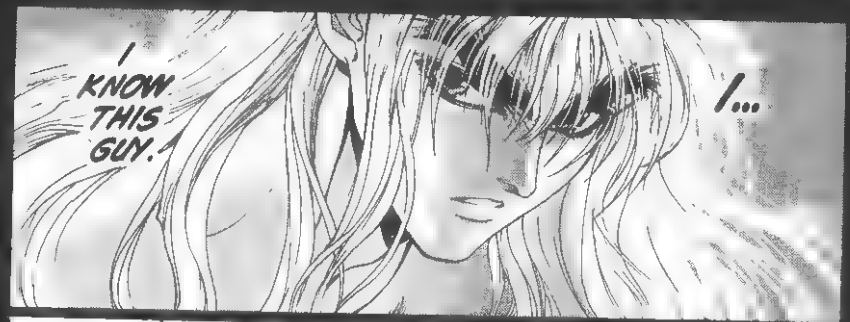

WO
OOO
O
FLUTTER
FLUTTER

SEEMS LIKE I'VE BEEN DROPPED INTO SOME STRANGE PLACE...
WEIRD
...


YOUR COMING HERE WAS PREORD-AINED 2000 YEARS AGO.
DROPPED? YOU WERE NOT DROPPED HERE, D.S.

WHAT?
YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME FOR THE OPENING ACT.
HA... WELCOME TO THE PIT OF HELL, D.S.


I AM SATAN...
D.S.


I KNOW THIS GUY.
I...

YOUR TRUE MEMORIES WERE SEALED AWAY THAT MOMENT 400 YEARS AGO...
HUH...WELL, IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
UMM...
AH...

...'TIL THEIR FUCKING WORTHLESS LIVES COME TO AN END! BWAAHA-HAHAHAHA!
THEY CAN KEEP GOING ROUND AND ROUND, DOING THEIR STUPID DANCE...
WITH THOSE FUCKING JUSTICE-CRAZY ANGELS! AND THE IGNORANT, HELPLESS, FEEBLE HUMANS TOO!

DESPAIR AND TERROR! HATRED AND SADNESS! PATHOS STEEPED IN DEATH!
THE GREATEST BIBLICAL PROPHECY EVER... THIS IS AN EVENT FOR THE AGES!
THE SHOW THAT'S ABOUT TO BEGIN IN THE HUMAN WORLD IS A MUST-SEE, D.S.!

WHO ARE YOU...?

I'M GONNA TRAIN AT KICHIJOUJI — A HOLLOWED GROUND FOR MANGA ARTISTS!!

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PART 1

IF I WRITE OUT A REPORT IT'LL GET REALLY GET LONG, SO THIS'LL BE CONDENSED... I MET ***MASAMUNE SHIROW!***

I MET ***KATSUHIRO OTOMO!*** YES! WE DRANK TOGETHER. THANK YOU KAWAMURA! IT WAS AMAZING.

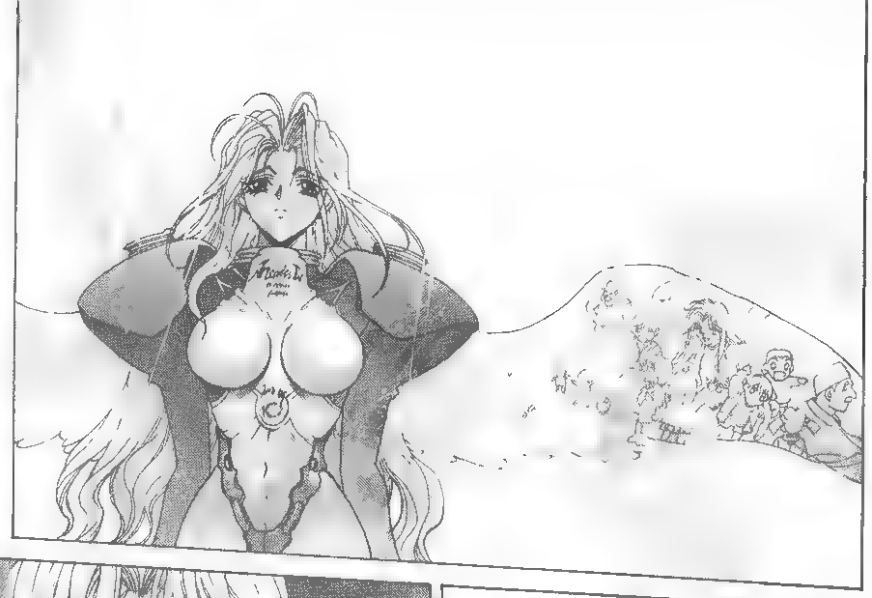
I WENT TO WATCH SUMO WITH ***KIA ASAMIYA!*** YES! (IT'S BEEN A WHILE.)

C...CAN'T WRITE ANYMORE... CAN'T SEE ANYMORE...

WENT DRINKING WITH ***TONY TAKEZAKI*** AND HAD A GREAT TIME TALKING ABOUT DICKS... I THINK... WAIT, MAYBE NOT...

DOOM!
I SWEAR ON A KNIGHT'S HONOR.
..AN ETERNAL UTOPIA.
TO BRING TO THIS EARTH.
I SHALL FIGHT AS LONG AS I DRAW BREATH.
MASTER KALL...

AH...
MY BATTLE.
IT'S OVER...
SO IT ENDS HERE...



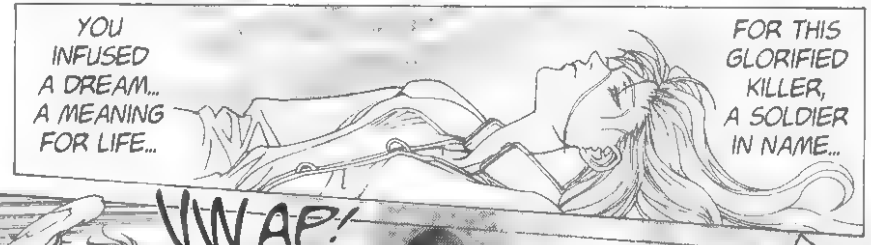
AS ONE CALLED THE ANGEL OF DEATH, YOU ARE...

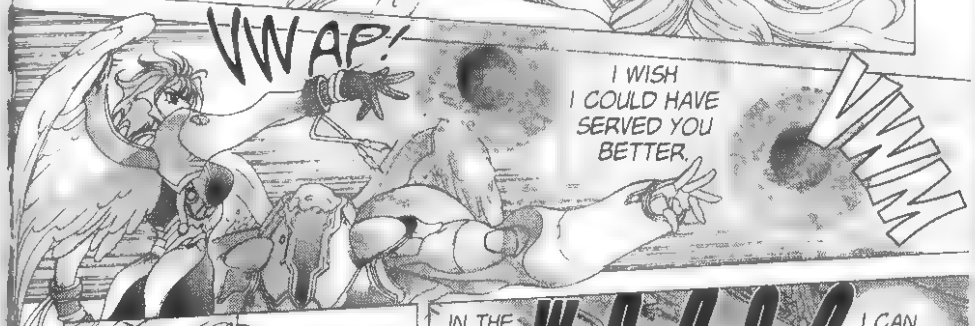
MICHAEL.

WHAT DEEP, SADNESS-FILLED EYES...

...BEAUTI-FUL...

AS LONG AS THE PEOPLE LIVE ON, THE WILL BE ALL RIGHT
EVEN IF A KINGDOM HAS TO FALL
IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO KNOW YOU...
FOR THAT I AM THANKFUL TO GOD.


YOU INFUSED A DREAM... A MEANING FOR LIFE...
FOR THIS GLORIFIED KILLER, A SOLDIER IN NAME...


VWAP!
I WISH I COULD HAVE SERVED YOU BETTER.
VWM

WITH NEITHER WAR NOR STARVA-TION...

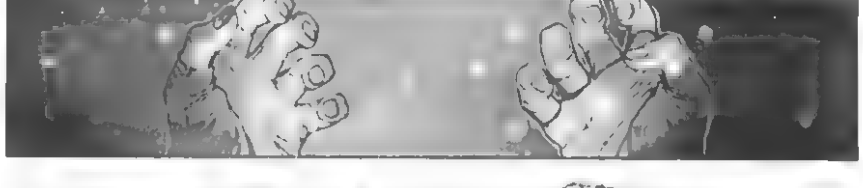
IN THE KINGDOM THAT YOU WILL CREATE...
WOOOO
I CAN SEE IT.

...THE SIGHT OF PEOPLE LAUGHING ...

JW
OOH
_IS GONE!
YNGWE!_
VWEEEEE
BEGONE! EVIL HUMAN BEINGS!
BOOM
BOL! SYKES! GET AWAY!

AGH!
AH.

FWA
ASH!



DO
VWSH
OM
BOL!
!
REEN
THD

FWO
KRKKKRKK
OH!
BAM
AGH!!
AH..!
PLEASE
TELL ME...!

ARE WE REALLY...
BUT...
BOOM
THE HUMANS WHOM YOU LOVED ARE NOW...
...ABOUT TO LOSE EVERY-THING ON THIS EARTH BECAUSE OF THAT SIN.
SWAY
YOKO!

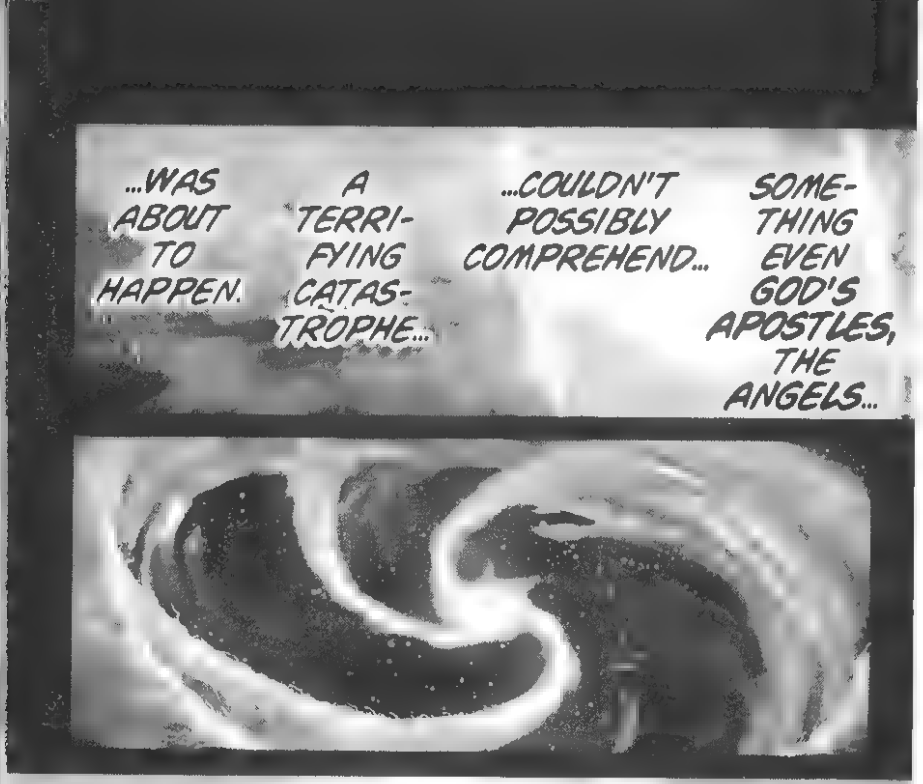
SHATTER
I WANTED TO GO WITH HIM...
I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE
I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING RIPPED APART...
I WANT TO SEE HIM SO MUCH.

FSHH
SO BIG...
SO KIND...
LORD LUCIFER!
SUCH A GREAT BEING...

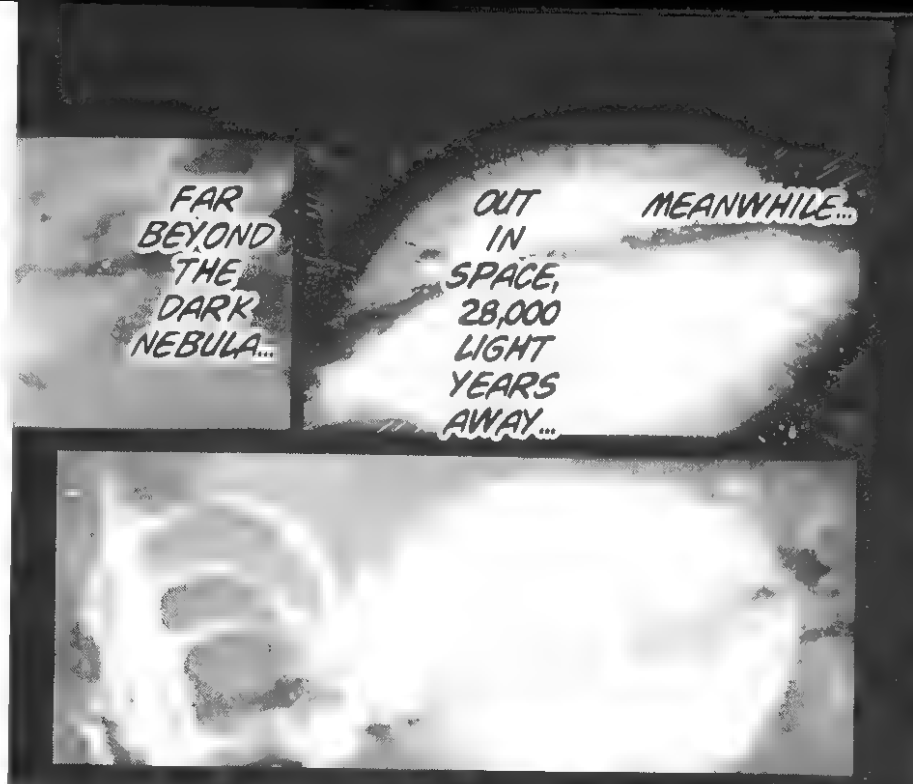
LORD LUCIFER...

PLEASE TELL ME...
WHICH PATH TO TAKE...!

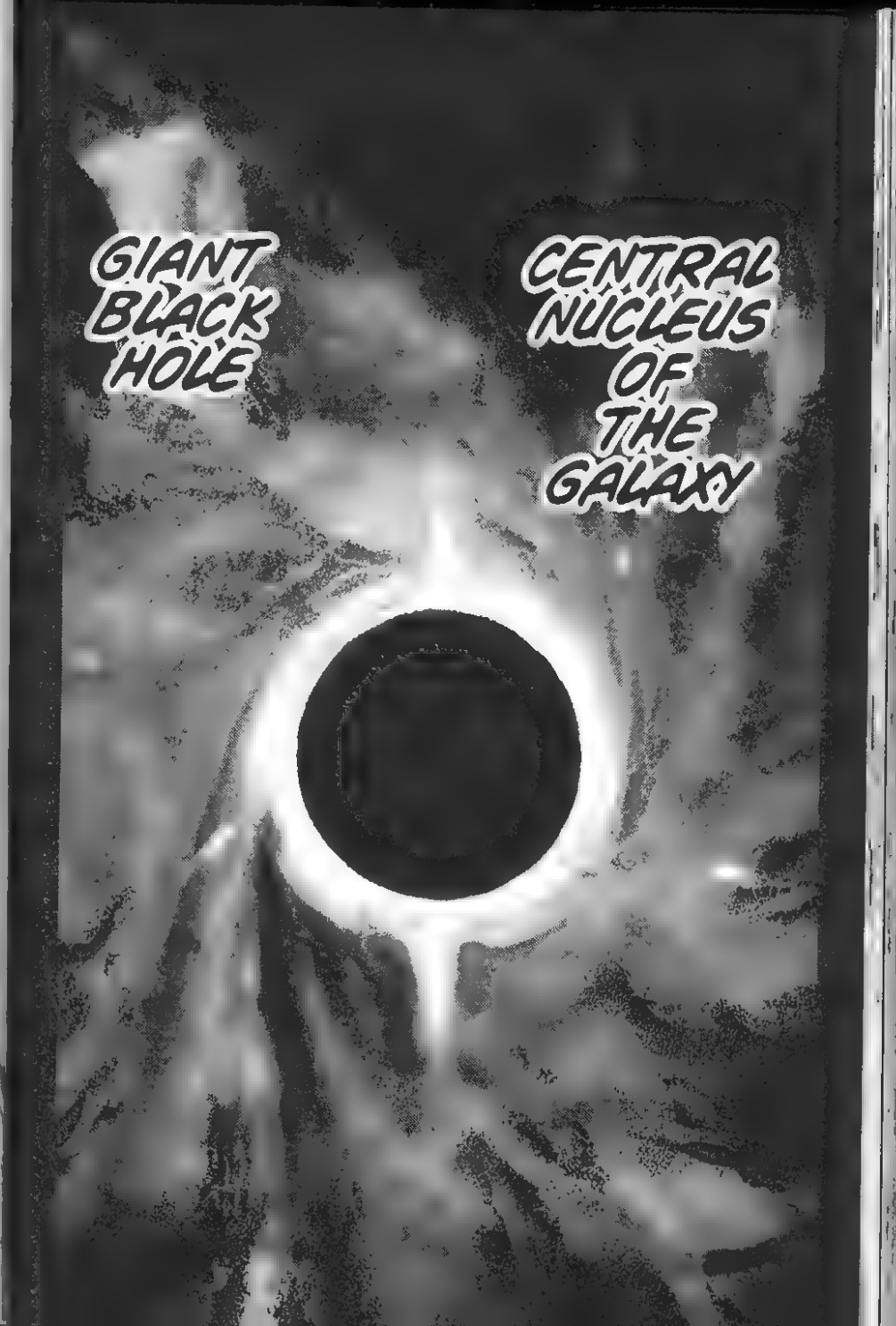
CENTRAL
NUCLEUS
OF
THE
GALAXY



The Tale of Crime and Punishment – Eternal Hell



TIME HERE DEFINITELY FLOWS VERY SLOWLY...
AH
BEING HELD IN BALANCE AND STOPPED BY THE GRAVITY OF THE ABYSS
WATCH OUT
EVEN THE LIGHT IS CAUGHT IN THE OUTLINE OF THE ABYSS.
TCH TCH
TRUE IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY...
BUT BECAUSE IT EXISTS..
IF YOU GO BEYOND THAT POINT, EVEN LIGHT CAN'T ESCAPE.
AND THAT INCLUDES US ANGELS, EVEN WITH OUR DIVINE POWER.
WE WERE TOLD TO IMPRISON FOR A THOUSAND YEARS THOSE ACCURSED ONES WHO MEANT HARM TO OUR LORD..
FLASH
FLASH
FLOAT


GIANT BLACK HOLE
CENTRAL NUCLEUS OF THE GALAXY

THE CAPTURED LIGHT IS BEING FLUNG AWAY!
WHAT IS GOING ON_?
WH_
IT'S WAVERING!
THE DARKNESS OF THE ABYSS_!
WH
OOO
HOOO
NOT GOOD
BA BMP BA BMP
THIS KIND OF GRAVITATIONAL ABNORMALITY HAS NEVER HAPPENED IN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS
GAAH
REPORT THIS TO LORD URIEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
BUT
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS WE MUST_

GWAAA
VW
UHN
KRSHH
WHAT ?!
DADOOM
DADOOM
GLOW

Seraph Uriel

Even amongst the Seraphim, the highest order of the Angels, Uriel has an extremely important role as the central figure in God's army, and is one of the famous Four Great Archangels. They are the Great Archangel Michael who symbolizes fire, Gabriel of water, Raphael of wind, and Uriel of the earth. These Four Great Archangels possess immeasurable power, far beyond that of a normal Angel. Their existence is recognized by the Jewish and Christian faiths, and they are said to have a deep connection to the creation and the motion of space.

The name Uriel means "Light of God." At the Apocalypse, Uriel is said to be one of the Angels who will destroy various false idols and will drag forward all those espousing these false idols in front of God's wrath. Also, it is said that Uriel will breathe new life and spirit into the bodies of heroes resurrected by God. Furthermore, he is also known as the Angel who convicts sinners in hell and has two terrifying sides as both the Judge and the jailer of Hell. Other names include the Sun Commander and Angel of Justice. He governs over the movements of the heavens and natural phenomena.

IT'S...
...TOO SOON...
TH-THAT'S..!
OOOH MY GG
HEOUX
OOO HAH
DO
OM!
OH
N'CHA!
WON DERFUL ANGEL EYES
YES SIR!
NO ONE HAS EVER COME NEAR THIS ACCURSED JAIL IN SPACE
SO YOU, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE OF GUARDING THIS PLACE SO THAT NO EVIL ONES ESCAPE CAN PROBABLY SEE, RIGHT?
BY USING PENETRATING VISION WITH THE DIVINE POWERS OF ANGELS
YOU CAN ASSESS THE TRUE STATE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING DEEP WITHIN THE ABYSS

RIGHT" RIGHT" RIGHT" RIGHT"
I BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY...
A CHANGE OF THIS MAGNITUDE IN THE SUPER GRAVITATIONAL FIELD OF THE ABYSS
OOH! LORD JIBEL!
KMMB RMM
GRR DM DRR DM
IT SEEMS TO BE ACTIVE! LIKE...AN EGG..!
NO... THAT CAN'T BE! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
VIRTUES...
FSH...

OH
EEK!
THE ABYSS!
SWAMP
ZZZ
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK

DM DM
DM DM DM
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR SUCH AN EVIL BEING TO DESCEND AND CRAWL OUT FROM WITHIN
FROM DEEP WITHIN THE INFINITE DARKNESS OF THE ABYSS
Tremble Tremble!
THIS THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING
THE DURATION OF A FEW ELECTRONIC ANALYSIS IS THE REAL DEMONIC ELITE THOUSAND YEARS THAT IS WHAT OUR OMNIPOTENT LORD DECIDED
CANNOT EVEN SAY ALOUD THAT DESPICABLE NAME THE ABOMINATION BORN FROM A DISTORTION IN THE UNIVERSE HIM!
THE REAL HAS ONLY BEEN THERE FOR 400 YEARS
HIC HIC
LORD URIEL
OUR OMNIPOTENT LORD!

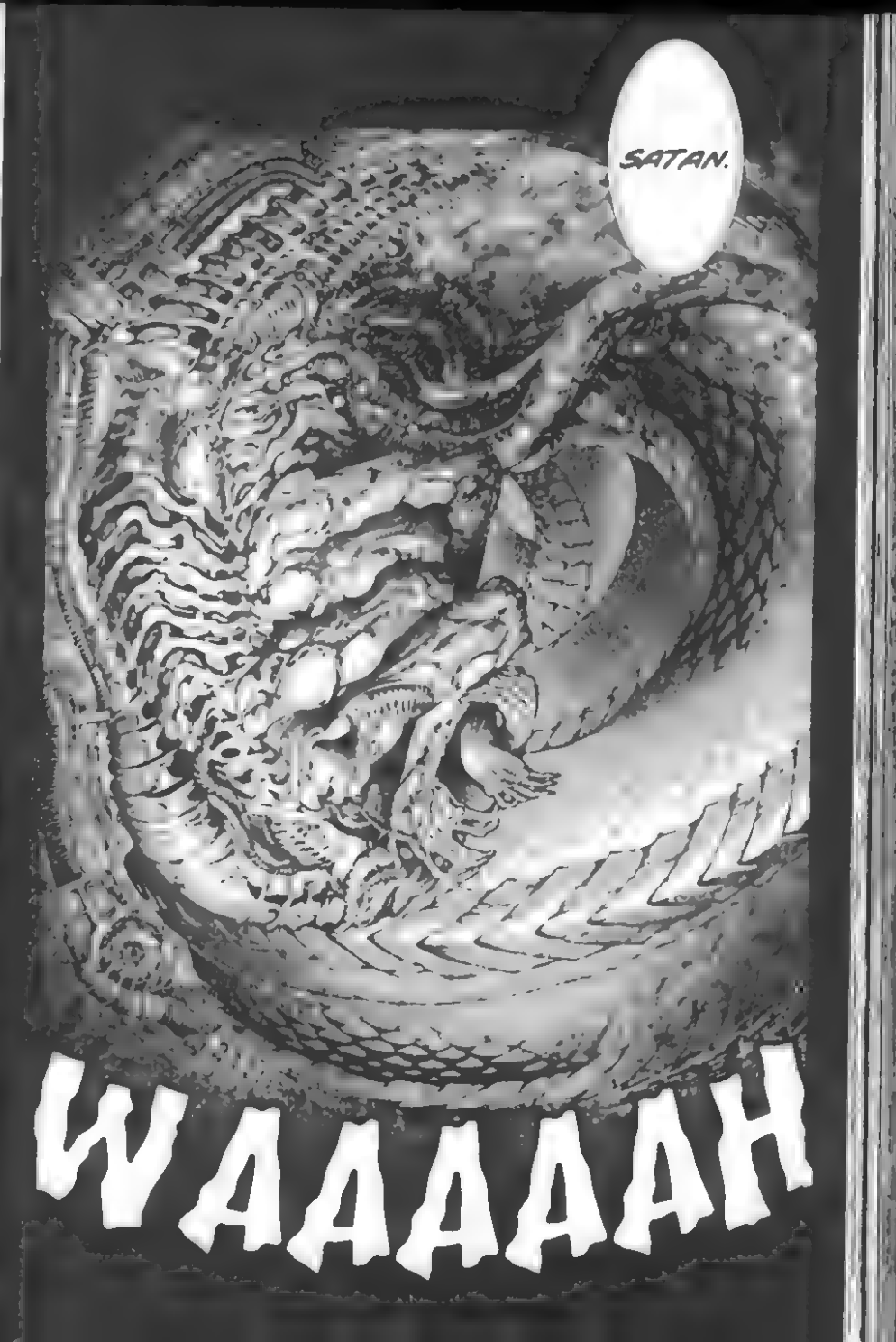
IT HAS CONCEIVED!
ZZHHHM
KRK KRK KRK
IIIKKKMM
BOMP BOMP BOMP

VVWIP!
SHHF..
JUWA!
(IN PRAISE OF THE LORD
FLASH!
GRRRKKKKK
YOU'RE LOOKING THIS WAY..
ARROGANT DESTRO YER OF THE UNIVERSE
EVERY THING IS CONSI DERED IN OUR MINI MAL TEXT LORD'S THOUGHTS
DO NOT BE CONCERNED OUR LORD OBSERVES ALL FROM HIS EXALTED THRONE
FWSH
FAR FROM THE UNDERSTANDING OF ONE'S SUCH AS OURSELVES OUR LORD CONDUCTS HIS CAREFUL DELIBE RATIONS
OH..
Y-YES, LORD URIEL!
UNDER STOOD
LET RAPHAEL KNOW OF THIS MATTER
NOW, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO THE CENTRAL GALAXY PROTECTIVE FLEET HEAD QUARTERS
YES, LORD URIEL!
FOR WE'LL HAVE TO REQUEST REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT
GOOD NOW GO

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO TRIED TO CONFIRM THAT WEREN'T YOU.
LGGG ZZGLUB
KRK CRACK!
RIP
RIP
RIP
RIP
OLD FRIEND
GGRMMM
RIP.
RIP
...FOR IF THE LORD IS TRULY AN OMNIPOTENT AND ABSOLUTE PRESENCE...
...THE EXISTENCE OF A MONSTROUS ABOMINATION LIKE YOU, EVEN DEEP IN THE PIT OF THE ABYSS, WOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED.

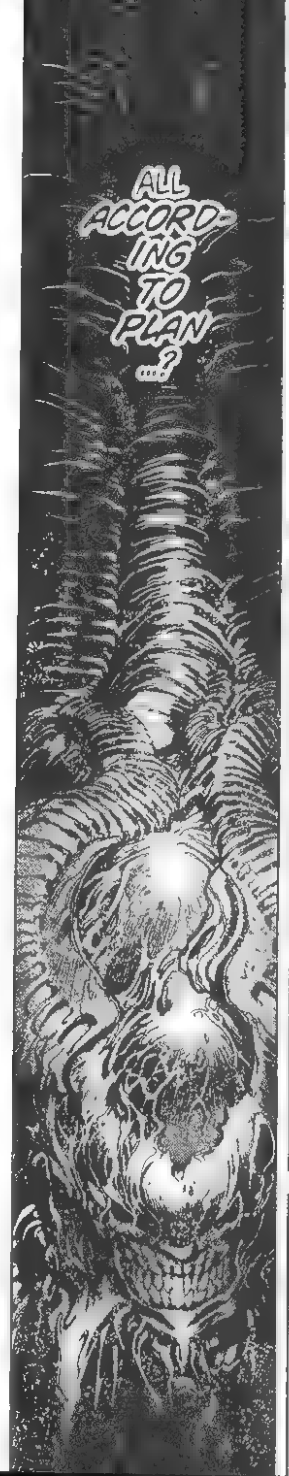
GRDD
DDDM
SHH
HOWEVER, THIS WAS NOT COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED...
SEEMS THE BOLTS ON THE GATES OF HELL WERE A LITTLE LOOSE...
GRRT
AKK

LORD LUCIFER!
DO NOT BE SAD MICHAEL
THE UNIVERSE.
IS OVER-FLOWING WITH GOD'S LOVE
WE HAVE LOST TOO MANY THINGS IN HEAVEN
AND NOW..
WE CAN'T GET A SINGLE ONE BACK
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING LEFT FOR US


SATAN.
WAAAAAH

WO
OO
CK
DM DM DM
SMASH
SMASH
RMBLE
RMBLE
RMBL
VWWWWWW
DM DM
DM DM
DM DM DM

SMIRK..


ALL ACCORD-ING TO PLAN ...?

OR IS IT...

OOOOOH
O USURPER, PRINCE OF MURDER..
YOUR LOATHING OF HELL..
WILL IT DISMANTLE THE LAW OF THE GRAND BEING ON HIGH..?

DDDOOOOOOOM
A LIVING... CREATURE?
IS... THIS...
BETCHA IT'S A MONSTER.
LIKE, UH, A MONSTER?
H-HEY, HEY! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS HUGE THING?!

VWOOOOOOOOMM
RM RM
RM
RM
RM
RM
WISH!!
THAT'S
RAA
FWO
AH

ZZZM
GWR
AT THE TIME OF THE GREAT DESTRUCTION...
KRAAAH
DMDMDMDM
MONSTER!
YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT A GIGANTIC CREATURE LIKE THIS EXISTED?!

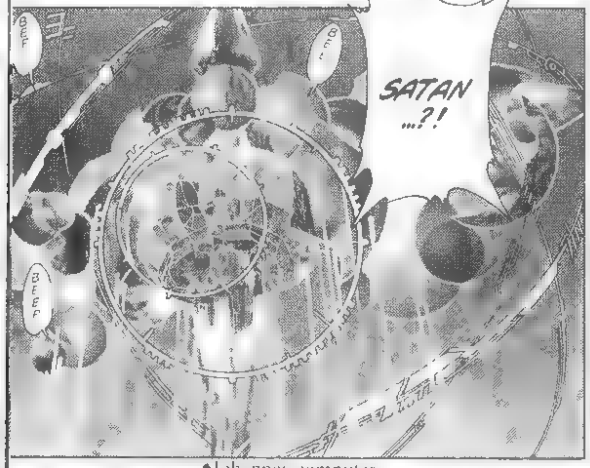
VWEEN
IT CAN'T BE...
SHEEEN
JWAAA!
EYOOO
...AAA
...XX THE ARMY OF ANGELS FREEARING TO ATTACK
LSSH H H
IT'S FIGHTING AGAINST THE ARMY OF ANGELS!
TH-THIS MON-STER...!

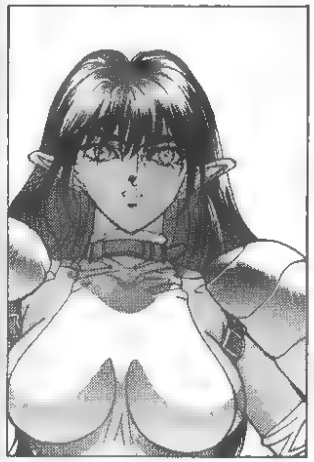
WAAAAAAH!!

"AND THERE WAS WAR IN HEAVEN MICHAEL AND HIS ANGELS FOUGHT AGAINST THE DRAGON...
...

"AND THE DRAGON FOUGHT AND HIS ANGELS PREVAILED NOT.
"NEITHER WAS THEIR PLACE FOUND ANYMORE IN HEAVEN
"AND THE GREAT DRAGON
"THAT...
PIING
PIING
PIING
HAAAH

WOOM
CAN IT BE?
GRSHH
CHOMP
CRUNCH
MUNCH CRUNCH
GYAAA!!
PTOOEY
AA
AAAGH!!





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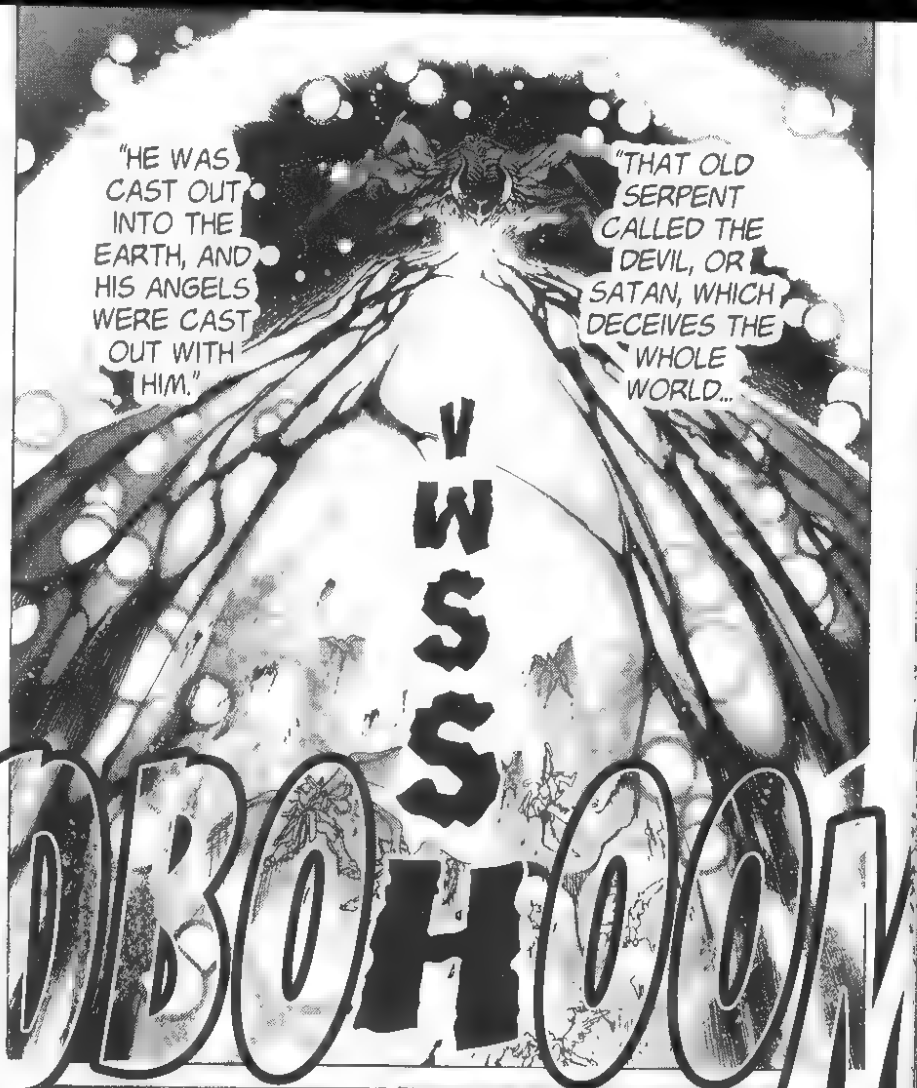
SATAN!!
THE DEMON GOD...
THAT'S RIGHT AS NOTED IN THE BIBLE, AN ANCIENT SCRIPTURE FROM THE OLD WORLD, THIS FALLEN ANGEL OF LEGEND IS GOD'S ENEMY!


"HE WAS CAST OUT INTO THE EARTH, AND HIS ANGELS WERE CAST OUT WITH HIM."
"THAT OLD SERPENT CALLED THE DEVIL, OR SATAN, WHICH DECEIVES THE WHOLE WORLD..
VWSS
DBOOM

DIE.
BWAHAHAHA! SO THEREFORE, D.S.; YOU WILL BE...
WRAHAHAHAHA! SORRY TO KEEP YOU ALL WAITING!
I'M GONNA DO IT! I'M JUST DOING TO KILL ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING! WRAHAHAHAHA !!
NOT ...TENING
GONE!!
FROM THE NEXT PAGE ON, YOU'LL SEE THE GREAT D.S. DOING STUPENDOUS STUNTS FOR A MILLION PAGES!
WHAT D YOU MEAN ...
WE DON'T HAVE THOSE PAGES...
the tale of crime and punishment - thunderous shriek - the end

THIS SHADY-LOOKING GROUP OF DEMONS WERE DESIGNED BY NONE OTHER THAN YASUSHI NIRASAWA. I MET HIM. HEH HEH. WE'RE THE SAME AGE! WE ALSO LOOKED SO ALIKE THAT I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE NOT RELATED! I MET TONY TAKEZAKI TOO. HE'S ALSO THE SAME AGE. HURRY AND COME ON OVER. PEOPLE YOUR OWN AGE ARE GREAT.

BLUIPIA

-BIRD LADY WITH INSECT-LIKE ARMOR MIXED WITH BODY PARTS.

THE NIRASAWA FACE. THIS IS IT.

THIS LOOKS GREAT. HE IS SO GOOD AT DRAWING. THEY EVEN LOOK 3D. I WONDER WHAT THE INSIDE OF HIS HEAD IS LIKE. I GUESS JUST ALL CONVOLUTED AND NIRASAWA-ESQUE MAYBE. AT HOBBY JAPAN, HE WAS SAYING, SERIOUSLY, THAT HE AND I REALLY LOOK ALIKE. WE EVEN ACT SIMILAR. AND OUR INTERESTS IN THE BAR SCENE. IT'S SO UNREAL. I JUST GOT A KARAOKE MACHINE AND SINCE MY PLACE IS SOUND-PROOFED, COME ON BY SOMETIME. BRING YOUR WIFE, TOO. ♥

WHAT? WE CAN'T USE IT YET? WHY NOT? OH, OKAY THEN. SEE YA LATER!

RENARD

-WHITE FATSO WITH RED LIPS!
-MODELED AFTER RENARD BURNS FROM "X-FILES" 9.
-SKIN IS KELOIDAL.

RUNTUSS

-FLYING TYPE
-KIND OF LIKE A RAY OR A PTERANODON

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? ***THE*** YASUSHI NIRASAWA DESIGNED THESE CREATURES! THIS IS ***TOO AMAZING...*** (AM I AN IDIOT?) I'VE HAD A LOT OF NEAR-MISSES WITH MR. NIRASAWA AT THE PENGUIN HOUSE IN KOUENJI. SAME WITH THE MESSAGE BOARDS. HE AND I ARE THE SAME AGE. AND THE "DL" DESIGNS THAT WE WEREN'T ABLE TO SHOW DUE TO A PAGE COUNT SITUATION WILL GO IN THE NEXT VOLUME...OKAY? ♡

WHAT? NIRA'S WIFE IS SUPER GORGEOUS? GEEZ, THAT'S KIND OF ANNOYING (JUST KIDDING! JOKING!) I'M JEALOUS. LET'S GO DRINKING AGAIN SOON.

HAKROHH

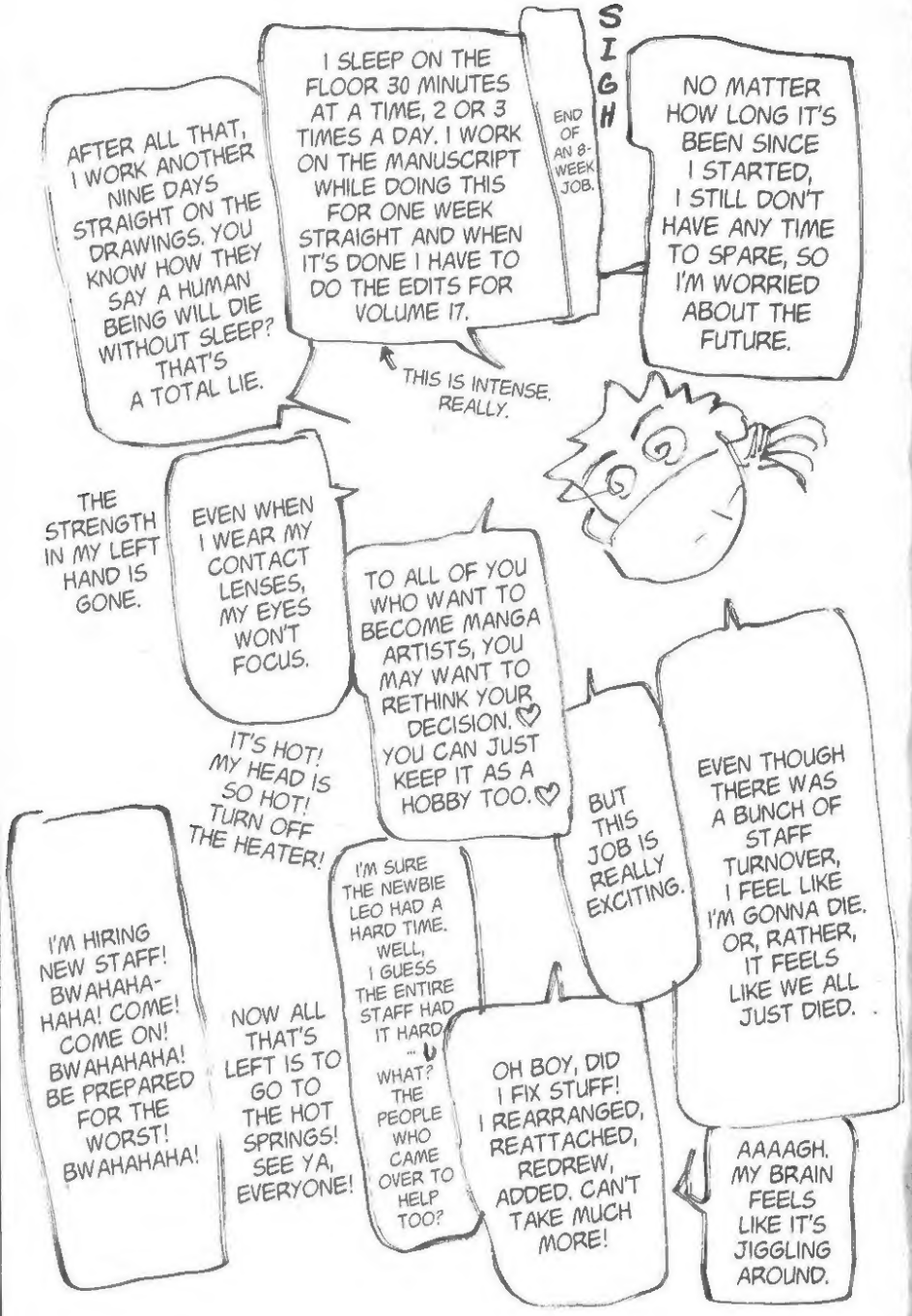
-ZOMBIE-LIKE GUY.
-KIND OF A SCULL-LOVING MEATY MUMMY.

END OF VOLUME GREETING – END NOTE MANGA

You Gotta Hagiwara

TAIL
EVEN THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE THIS (WITH FOUR MINUTES TO GO BEFORE IT'S DUE), I'LL BE ABLE TO GET **Bastard!!** VOLUME 17 OUT.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE. HAGIWARA HERE.
I'M SORRY! TO THE WHOLE WORLD, I'M SORRY!
I HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF THINGS THAT I WANT TO WRITE ABOUT, BUT IT'S NOW THREE MINUTES BEFORE IT'S DUE, SO EVEN MY BEAUTIFUL EDITOR OHARA IS ANXIOUS.
YAAAY!
CLAP CLAP GONNA DO A DANCE.
IDIOT?
THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO BOUGHT IT!

THE WRITING'S SO MESSY I CAN HARDLY READ IT!


AFTER ALL THAT, I WORK ANOTHER NINE DAYS STRAIGHT ON THE DRAWINGS. YOU KNOW HOW THEY SAY A HUMAN BEING WILL DIE WITHOUT SLEEP? THAT'S A TOTAL LIE.
I SLEEP ON THE FLOOR 30 MINUTES AT A TIME, 2 OR 3 TIMES A DAY. I WORK ON THE MANUSCRIPT WHILE DOING THIS FOR ONE WEEK STRAIGHT AND WHEN IT'S DONE I HAVE TO DO THE EDITS FOR VOLUME 17.
SIGH
END OF AN 8-WEEK JOB.
NO MATTER HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE I STARTED, I STILL DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE, SO I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE.
THIS IS INTENSE. REALLY.
THE STRENGTH IN MY LEFT HAND IS GONE.
EVEN WHEN I WEAR MY CONTACT LENSES, MY EYES WON'T FOCUS.
TO ALL OF YOU WHO WANT TO BECOME MANGA ARTISTS, YOU MAY WANT TO RETHINK YOUR DECISION. ♡ YOU CAN JUST KEEP IT AS A HOBBY TOO. ♡
IT'S HOT! MY HEAD IS SO HOT! TURN OFF THE HEATER!
BUT THIS JOB IS REALLY EXCITING.
EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS A BUNCH OF STAFF TURNOVER, I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA DIE. OR, RATHER, IT FEELS LIKE WE ALL JUST DIED.
I'M HIRING NEW STAFF! BWAHAHA-HAHA! COME! COME ON! BWAHAHAHA! BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST! BWAHAHAHA!
NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO GO TO THE HOT SPRINGS! SEE YA, EVERYONE!
I'M SURE THE NEWBIE LEO HAD A HARD TIME. WELL, I GUESS THE ENTIRE STAFF HAD IT HARD... WHAT? THE PEOPLE WHO CAME OVER TO HELP TOO?
OH BOY, DID I FIX STUFF! I REARRANGED, REATTACHED, REDREW, ADDED. CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE!
AAAAGH. MY BRAIN FEELS LIKE IT'S JIGGLING AROUND.

TRAPPED IN HELL!

Dark Schneider's done it this time! He went and got himself trapped in hell face-to-face with the Devil! Luckily, he's got friends and they hatch a crazy plan that's so outlandish it just might work. That is if they can keep the Angels from destroying the Ark and ruining D.S.'s chances of ever returning. And as if things aren't bad enough, the most powerful Angel Michael shows up and prepares to deliver the final blow to mankind! Fortunately, Lucien appears and buys the world a little more time, but just how much?

ROCK ON WITH THIS HEAVY-METAL FANTASY MANGA!

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